

Transcript

Editorial comments:

BL MS Cotton Galba C VII f. 211r - 212v. William Herle to the Earl of Leicester. Fol. 211r has the signature 'Hh'.

Address leaf:

[fol. 212v]

[Superscription:] To the R. honorable my very good L. the Erlle of Lecester &c. gyve these att the Cowrtt with speede./

[Endorsement by Herle:] [...] the last of marche att Bruges 1582

[Endorsement by unknown hand:] ulto martij William Herle./

Letter text:

[fol. 211r] Belgia 1582 31 March

On sonday att night. R. honorable good L. the P. dellphin departed Andwarp by water to Calyce, whom Monsieur accompaniyed to the ship, & was there affronted by a Burgesse of the Town, who threttned bothe hym & the frenche, that beffore it were long they sholld have a suffycyent revenge of theme, usyng very Rude Termes besyde, & drew his swerd halff owtt agaynst Maryvallt captayn of monsieurs garde. The fellow was committed, & som exemplarye justyce shalbe don uppon hym for he was nott ^dronck^

The P. dellphin shalbe cheeff conductor of the Army that is to com. Bellegard & other captaynes are to be sent within .3. or 4. dayes hence into frawnce to levye Trowpes. Telliguye, who is Lanowes son, is [1 word expunged] appoynted with certayn frenche companies to assiste Temple yn Bruxelles./

Iper hath som frenche Ensignes sent to supplye theme agaynst the Enmye, who is departed thence ~~Lentz~~ to Lentz, which is a Town bettween Arras & Lyle, suprised by the garryson of Cambraye of late, who Left xvj ensynges of frenche & Wallons yn that Town, butt ytt is not gardable.

On Monday towards the evenyng the P. of Orange wovnd began to bleede att the place where the Bullett entred, which cessed nott till mydnight. ytt is ferd that the Escar or skurf that now separates from the wound, hath all this whle coverd som vayne that was hurte by the Bullett, which is a matter very dangerows, howe to be stopped or holpen, yett we ar in good hope, that it procedes nott from the vayne butt of som other accydent, ympechyng of the sayd wovnd to nere./

On Tewsdaye, the States generall assembled yn the palyce, & there were sworne to monsieur to holld hym & obeye hym, as their Soverayne, & he yn lyke maner made his othe to deffend theme, & to mayntayne ~~there yn~~ [1 word expunged] their privylegs. / And wheras Holland & Zeland made difficulties hitherunto, to enter ynto the sayd othe, they have now agreed with the rest & made their othe, yett condycionallye to be comprised no further theryn, than as the paciffication of Gawnt hath lymited theme, wherunto they stand & be reffered, wheryn bycause your L. shalbe

better ynstructed how they have compownded for theme sellves, I do send your L. herewith the booke, of the sayd composytyon of Gawnt, to peruse att large./

The same Tewsdaye mornyng a Trompettor cam from Gawntt with lres to monsieur & the P. of Oreng, declaryng that L'aniastre the spanyard was att Turny, with the P. of Parma, & that processions [fol. 211v] with candelles, was ~~att~~ had att Torny, on the sellf same sondaye that the P. of Orege was hurt, giveng thankes to God, for a singuler benefite that his goodnes was disposed to bestow uppo theme./ At montz there were the lyke prayers & processyon made a 4 dayes after, for the dethe of the P. of Oreng.

The P. of parma wryttt by a Trumpettor to Gawnt, syngeffyeng that by Gods highe goodnes, the arche heretycke & Traytor, the P. of oreng was Ryd owtt of this lyfe, & therfore that it was tyme now for theme to retorne to the obedyens of their naturall Soveraygne, who sholld Receve theme yn swetenes & benignitye to his favor, even yn that degree that they so theme sellves sholld prescribe, which he yn the word of a Prynce dyd assure theme of./ His Trompettor was comitted, & the lres sent to monsieur & the P. of oreng./

[marginalia by Herle: for they had written to sondrye partycler lres asswell att Brugs & Bruxelles, as att Gawnt./]

The P. of Parma hath cawsd Brutes to ron among his followers that the P. of Oreng was slayne owt right with the Bullett, & that the Pryncesse of Pynoys [2 words expunged] to save hym, was also slayne, her husbond hurt, & his [1 word expunged] principall counsellor ron madd, bothe his secretoryes fledd to the enmye, & the rest of his people dispersed, & that bothe monsieur he were abandoned of the people, who were whollye yn Rayge & furye agaynst the frenche./

monsieur was advertised ~~that~~ Tewsday mornyng, that Bomell & Venlow were surprised by the enmye, by the Intelligence that they ~~held~~ had with those of the sayd Townes. whither the P. of Oreng had sent by ij wayes to ynforme theme how things passed, & how to avoyd the practises of the enmyes Yf Bomell be lost, the enmye is master of the strongest Towne yn the Low Contryes, & therbye dothe possesse the passayge of the Ry[ne] the mose, & the Wale, which do meete there all yn on./ ytt is hoped that the takyng of Bomell is butt a brute gyven owtt by the enmye.

Tyellt which is a neyghbor town of Bomell, wolld give over of it sellfe, yf Bomell were becom the enmyes, & Gurkan, cowd nott holld owtt long, a place in holland of grett ymportance & nott far from fyan & Utrecht./

Ytt is well ny apparent that the mallcontents will not harken to any accord to be had with monsieur. for the Cownt della Laing can in no wyse abyde the P. of Orenge's grettnes. The vycownt of Gawnt will nott be yn place, where his brother the P. of Pynoys shall have ether credite [fol. 212r] or awthoritye. And montignye beryng so grett a swaye with the P. of Parma as he dothe, havyng the charge of all the infantrye wilbe lothe to change for a worse place, & of lesse gayne & reputacyon, beyng assured that the K. of Sp: duryng the warres, shalbe constrayned to use hym, further than which the noblytye of this contry ~~have no grett levell~~ carye no grett levell ether to posterytye or fame./

On Wensdaye mornyng monsieur comanded publyck prayer to be made for the P. of Orenge's

hellthe by the Catholyckes att St michells church, which is diverslye ynterpreted of, the same mornynge was the Cassier, & the jacobyn freare (confessor to John Jawrigui) executed. your L. shall have their examinations by the next post in printe, & monsieurs entrye into Andwerpe with the same./

Wherwith very humblye I take mi leve, prayeng your L. that I may ones here from you, in answer of somani lres as have sent you./

Bruges, the last of marche, menyng of Monday to retorne towards Andwerpe./ 1582./

Your L. most needes be good to Coronell morgan, who trewlye is a Tall sowdyor & an honest gentillman, asswell ynclyned to do your L. service, as ani on that ever [1 word expunged] depended of you./ Yf you will vowchesave to allowe of his prefferment to a Regyment, I do fynde that bothe monsieur & the P. of orange be well ynclyned ~~unto hym~~ to favor hym, therefore ye sholld do very honorable to comande me by 3 lynes wrytten ~~to your L.~~ by your L. ~~to me~~ to sollicite with monsieur the P. of orange, his advauncement before other yong fellowes that ar very busye to gett charges here, which will do nothyng elles butt sclander the service & natyon./ And for that I do knowe that your L. heryn shall do synguler plesure to the Erlle of Penbroke, I am the bollder to remember your L. of your Lawfull favor to be extended on this behallf./ Your L. most humblye. W. Herlleli.

[marginalia by Herle: Postscript. the first of apryll 1582./]

[Postscript:] The generall master norrys is well ynclyned to have master morgan preferred, for that Regyment shalbe allso under master norrys generall charge./ Bomell & Venlowe were preserved by the advertisments that cam from the P. of orange who prevented therby the enmyes practyses./