

Transcript

Editorial comments:

BL MS Lansdowne 36 f. 177r - 178v. William Herle to Lord Burghley.

Address leaf:

[fol. 178v]

[Superscription:] To the R honorable mi very good L. the Lord highe Thresuror of England [&c.]
give these att the Cowrtt.

[Endorsement by unknown hand:] 25 April 1582. Master William Herle to my L. The taking of
Allost. other Advises.

Letter text:

[fol. 177r] May it plese your L to understand that on sonday in the after noone, arryved att this
Cowrtt, the Cownt of Rocheferrallt, whose comyng rejoyssed monsieur wonderfullye, & his offer
to bryng ij C gentillmen well horsed to ~~gather~~ his service, with their Trayne, & a certayn number
of footemen./

On monday mornyng abowtt x of the clock, advertisements cam, that Coronell Temple,
accompanied with Thyant & La Gard, had gotten the towne of [marginalia by Herle: Allost]
Allost by scalad, & by intelligens had with some of the Town./ The garison of Albaneses were
abrode with a convoie, in whose absens, this was executed, which is to be ascribed to chance
rather, than conductyon: for the son was an hower highe, beffore they cam to the walles, & they
had overshott their tyme assigned, more than .3. howres, so as the deffence of 25. men, had
reppulssed theme, beyng a Town ympregnable, asswell for the new fortifficatyons as the scyte of
the place./

The Govenor Muckeron & his new spowse were taken, & above 500. preests, that were retyred
thither for saffetye, & with theme ij fatt abbotts. ytt was a prise of singuler ymportance for the
state of the whole contry, & of as grett a losse to the enmye, By which menes Bruxelles, Dermond,
macklyng, Villfford, & Gawnt (of on syde) ar all assured./

ytt is dowttfull, whatt the enmye will do, ether persiste to beseege Owdenar[d] (who hath no small
beneffite by these 3. dayes rayne that is fallen) or remove to som other place./ monsieur, who dyd
even Langwisshe for Owdenard & Gawntt, is now revyved well, & the passayge is free from
[hens] to Bruxelles, & the whole Land of [maes,] & Allost assured, which conteyn in theme above
300. good villaygs./

Provysyon of vyttaylles & munityon (with marvaylows spede, lest the enmye sholld prevent
theme) was made from hens to Allost, by the Ryver schelld to Dermownd, & from thens by the
Tender into Allost, which provysyons ar saffelye ~~arryved~~ entred as yesterdaye./

The frenche, Englyssh, & scotts that were att Ecklowe, do marche this day towards Gawnt, to
yncamp bettween the Town & the enmye, that they may take advantayge of the occasyons

presented, & kepe Gawnt yn order./

Temple hath a nother enterprise in hand, which is thowght to be ether, Lovayn or Bollduck, yn which latter place, there be above 3000. preests, retrayted together./

Master norrys is departed towards his charge, & most bryng the same to serve yn these parts, yett the matter is reffered to the Land Rade, or Contreye Cowncell of Gellders & the provyns abowtt, whither they will retayne him longer there, who ar thowght will nott be scrupolows in discharging him, so small affectyon do they bere to sowdyors. Butt by this mene som frencheman, or rather the Cownt of Hollock (that shalbe the pryncs son in Lawe) [fol. 177v] is to be placed there. For our grettnes & strengthe in this contry wilbe dayle deminissed./ The enmye hath beffore Owdenarde abowtt 15m [1 word expunged] footmen olld sowdyers, among which be Polwillers, fronsberg, & fowckers, regyments that have byn these xij yeres in paye. Therbe 3m horsemen by the powll, with grett store of artyllerye, havynge made a brydge over the water of schelld & do holld their sentinell as far as Eke & Landhutt, which ar within a small leage & a hallf of Gawnt, They do nott as yett batter the towne butt they had gathered the peysants to mouwnt their canon./

herewith in is a paper of the governors of the provynces & Townes that do holld att this present ether of the spaynissh or frenche syde which I thowght nott unfitt for your L.

Du Bee is departed from hens towards her majestie yesternight, wherwith I very humblye fynyshe. Andwerpe the 25. of Aprill. 1582. your L. most humblye assured. W Herllli.