

Transcript

Editorial comments:

BL MS Lansdowne 36 f. 179r - 180v. William Herle to Lord Burghley.

Address leaf:

[fol. 180v]

[Endorsement by unknown hand:] xj Junij 1582 Master Herle to my L. Occurrentes from Anwerpe.

Letter text:

[fol. 179r] Occurents at mi comyng owt of holland to Andwarp the xjth of June. 1582.

first that the havng of Bowchayn faylled, for the noyelles yntent, by his own ymperfectyons was discoverd beffore the same had his Ripenes. & he constrayned to flye to Cambraye, Levyng an yll Reputacyon to ether syde of his sellf./ noyelles was gouvernor of Bowchayne, somtymes a Coronell yn Holland under the P. of Orange, a frencheman borne, & of the howse of memorency, proffessyng the Religion./ & yett Revollted to the P. of Parma who gave hym that charge./ The Cowntt dellalaing, dyed nott somuche of the hurte Receved by his horse, as of an apprehensyon, beyng discoverd to have Treated with monsieur, wherof he was [marginalia by Herle: Stroke] sharply rebuked by a Ire of the P of Parmas, which so stroke him to the hart as a Gangrena by the reson of his malencholye, possessed his broken legge wherof he dyed./ yf the d. of Brabant be hable to addresse his Camp, & hable to kepe the fylld, no dowtt mani Revolltes will follow to his advantaige./

The enmye hath assallted Owdenard ons, butt wer reppullsed with grett losse of pryncipall persons./ The d. Repposeth grettly yn master norris Trowpes, which be a xvC footemen full, & 350. horse, men of valler well mownted & appoynted all./ Reknyng master northes Regyments & master Cottons, which begyn to fyll, & a Regyment of x ensyegnes & on Coronell of horse, that Coronell morgan hath the charge of, Owr natyon wilbe above vm fotemen yn the fylld, & a vj C horse, as brave men & as yn as good eqwipaige, as ever were sene yn these contries./

monsieur Bellivue is departed hence, havng lefte us mowntaynes of fayre promises, grownded all together uppon conivencyes./ he shewed som difficultye for the passyng of the Rutters through pycardye, he confirmed that the K. sholdd contribute 50m [crowns] monethlye towards the warres, & that the passayge of maziars & Calyce, sholdd be no more open to the Enmye./

Butt these frenche promises ar shrewdlye dowtted of here./ He urged extremelye the Religyows vrede, to have obteyned assmany churches for the exercyse of the Catholyck Religyon, as the protestants had for theirs./ wherof your L. may consyder the danger & confusyon that might succede, & the marcke that the frenche shoote att./ There is a mischeeff fownd that may nott be wrytten of./ The P. of Orenge & Bellivue, had most secrett conferencs together, which ministers mani occasyons of speche./

They harpe still of the mariayge with her majestie beyng fresshlye gyven owtt, that monsieur will

urge the same, & that Bellevue dyd give ynstructyons how to procede theryn./

The d. of Gwise, besyde the Late provysyons of powder & munytyon sent by him ynto Scotland, when the horses wer sent (wherof I advertised) he provydes ~~now~~ to supplye the same contry with more, which is to be consyderd of: for d'bignye will leve nothyng undon, that may warrant his estate, agaynst England, or give credite & [yntreducement] to the d. of Gwise in[^]to[^] scotland./

The P of Orenge is subject to Catharres & melancholye of late & to **[fol. 179v]** passyons more than accustomable. for his former vigor of spirite & [Tem]porancye ar decayed muche. /

St. Aldegond is in Zeland to [Retreate] him self, though a very yll Ayre for a Tysick, wherwith he is possessed with som danger. your L. most humblye W Herllely.