Uppon fryday last R. honorable L. those of Gawnt sent to his Allteze Parsons of pryncipall credite, to shew that ^the^ wensdaye before those of Owdenarde, had made fires owtt of the Town, to shew som extremitye they were yn, wherfore they were com to beseke his good ayde & advise.

Wherunto was anwserd by his Allteze, uppon his credite, that before xv. dayes from that frydaye forward att the furthest, that the place sholld be ether Reallye delyverd from the seege, by forces apte to remove ytt, or by suche a dyvertement, as sholld stand theme in stede: wherupon those of Gawnt retornyng home, chose .5. resolute fellowes to brynge this assurance ynto Owdenarde, of which ij ar entred on monday beffore daye, & made signes acceptable to the behollders, that they of the Town were willing & hable, to endure [marginalia by Herle: redy] a longer tyme, withowt precipitacion of ayde, before it were throwly redy Butt the Enmye presently that mondaye, gave a grett assalt to the Towne, prevaylleng lyttell, savvyng that they wold weerye the defenders, with contynuall labor./

Uppon the same mondye Bulignye Gouvernor of Cambraye sent a gentyll man of ymportance to signeffye to the d that the Rysters were com to Cambresys [marginalia by Herle: iiijm shott./] & nott to Chymay, In number 1500. accompanied with 800. frenche lawncelawnces & 4000. shott. desyreng that they might not be removed thens sodenly, yn respect of an enterprise of ymportance that he had in hande. This is trew & conffirmed & other forces be com to the frontyers before Gravellyng to pass that waye ^to dunkerck^ sayd to appertayne to the P. dellphyn./

There be in Cambresys a m footemen more to accomplysshe accompanye those Rutters; & a 400. Lawncs, with other Trowpes that daylye do arryve, butt no pykes, which number canot be diffeated in their marche thitherwards with ani parcell of the P. of Parmas Camp, unles he remove his whole power & frustrate the seege that he hath in hande before Owdenarde./

The oppynion is now here, that the frenche K. doth in good ernest mene to make lawe the K. of Sp: yncrochements & ambycyon./

The K. of Sp: shall have (as they saye) 200. sail of sayll of shippes, redy by the myddell of Julye to defend Portyngall, & to offend those that be not well affected to him, which is a thyng apparent
by Ires of the 29. of maye from persons of ymportance att Lusborne./

Owtt of Italye for certayne it is confirmed that ther be comyng thens .5. m spaynisshe footemen, .7. m Italyens, & 2500. horse thither wards besyde the forces of Germany & Burgondye which ar com & to com./

There be 4000. pyoners a preparyng in Brabant, & yn the provyncs unyted, of ydell fellowes & others to be employed yn the Camp./

The P. of Orenge is trobled agayn with his Catharre, which wilbe dangerows, yf it fall ynwards, as it threttens./ The .d. allso with this moyst wether doth kepe his bed synce yesternight ./ Wherwith I humblye take mi leve for this [1 word expunged] tyme. Andwerpe the 20. of June./ 1582./ your L. with his harte & prayer W. Herllly.