

Transcript

Editorial comments:

SP 70/137/[59] f. 310r - 311v. William Herle to Lord Burghley. This letter is written in Herle's brother's hand, with annotations in Herle's hand.

Address leaf:

[fol. 211v]

[Superscription:] To the Right honorable my good Lorde, the L. Treasurer of englande give thes./

[Endorsement by unknown hand:] 29. mart. 1575. Master Hearle to my L. advertisement from Bruxells Leters to the Customers for the passayge of certaine clothes by the commissioners fo Holland and Zeland.

Letter text:

[fol. 310r] Beinge weake and sycklye to daye (my right honorable good L.) and havinge taken phisycke withall, I am fayne to use my brothers hand unto you in steade of myne one./ These partyes have receaved the Q majesties graunte for the Lycence of ij [...] clothes verye thankfullye, acknowleginge your favor the more, in that you have not fayled to shewe it even then, whan your sycknes moost trobled you, but thay will not forget to shewe ther dewtyes agayne towardses your L. whan thay shalbe in place to do it. even nowe thay have sent to my L. keper to passe ther sayd graunte under the greate sealle, and to morrowe in the afternoone thay depart hence, to whome as thay humblye comende them selves to your good L. (namelye paulle de busse) so yf ther occure anye thinge in the meane tyme, wherin your L. may have cause to use ther Sarvis, thay saye, thay wolde be glad to understand it and obaye it.

This morninge the poost is com out of the Lowe countrys by whome I parseve that Champayney toke seas yesterdaye in the morninge by the breake of daye ^{at Dover} in a verye smalle vessayll, belyke to stealle a passage whyle the brute was, that he wolde be transported in one of the Q. majesties shippes,

Thes matters of brussels growe sharper and sharper for wher barlemont was of intelligence with Culyan romero, to have delyvered to the Spanyerdes the keyes of brussels gatts, the sayd keyes were taken by the magistrats of the cyttye from the custody of barlamont, & delyvered to the countye mansfelde. A practyse was afterwards discovered that the spanyerds had ~~afterward~~ an intent to set fyre in certayne parts of the cyttye that whiles men were attentyve to repres the same, the spanyerds myght have brought in more companye, and have byn masters of the place, but this occasyoned that the spanyerds were comaunded to kepe ther Lodgenges uppon payne of kyllinge. yet nowe thay have Leve to retyre [1 word expunged] into hennolde uppon great intreatye to withstande the insolent doings of the horsmen that oprese the people verye sore ther abouts, therby to exacte ther paye the rather, whose doings doth styre up [fol. 310v] the hole countrye agaynst them, and agaynst the holle spanishe nation and government.

The duke of Aresscotte styll refuseth to take anye government uppon him, for the diffycultyes that

he see the to increse daylye./

The stattes ar assembled at brussels generallye to take order for the affares and government of the countrye, which dyet was to begyn on tuisdaye last, havinge in the meane tyme bent ther ordynance agaynst certayne numbers of the K. horsmen that presented them selves before the towne, to let the proceedings of this generall and free dyet.

At Andwerpe count haniball of altems who hath a garyson of almayns in the towne, wolde have brought in vj ancients more but was refused by the magistrats ther, and this sayd companyes is countermaunded.

The spanishe imbassaytor that is Leyger in fraunce hath stayed all the Lres comynge out of spayne by the iij^{tie} last postes, as well thes that appertayneth to marchants as others, and retaynes them by him, which encresethe the rumor of the K. deathe with some, & to some other it is a suspition of further inconvenyences that is a workenge and may showe a difydence in the sayd imbassator towards the Lowe countryes, that he wolde not have the K. secrets knowne unto them, while a spanyerd is not placed in the government for the K.

The assembleie at brussels hath publyshed that all men that ar credytors to the K. of Spayne, or ar interested by him, shall brynge in ther demands to them, wherby the sayd K. deptes and state shalbe Leyd open to the worlde and the [1 word expunged] ^{injuryes} that men have suffred be manifested./

The flete that went out of donkerke to attempte somewhat about surecseaye, is returned very sore wetherbeten, havinge donne nothing & saving the sogers and maryners amonge them selves have fallen into question and debate, wherby harme is com to both sydes.

The prynce hath taken tertollen and St. martens dyche in ~~and~~ St [aunyeland] ^{besydes Barrow} wherby ther is nowe no passage from andwarpe towards surecseaye but directlye before flusshing which will aske a greter power, & a greter hasard to dele [fol. 311v] by sea that waye./

The Spanishe and wallounde Soldiers forsake ther garrysons everye wher, and ther ensynges some for drede som for lack of a head, yet the spanyers seke to joyne them selves to gether by all menes that can, which is the substaunce of that which I received this daye by the post.

nowe it may plese your L. because it requires spede to geve order ether to master Skynner or master Walter that peter Serres, and mathieas Lull may have an open lre from your L. to master Lourde the customer or to anye other customer to whome it shall appertayne that thay maye enjoye ^{in theyr names} the Q. majesties graunte above sayd to whose trust it is comyted accordinge to that which is sygnifyed under the great Sealle, wherwith moost humbly prayenge for your L. healte and stronge recovery I take my leve from redcrosse strete this xxixth of marche A^o 1576./

I am boulde to appoynte this bearer for your L. sayd lre to the customer in the behalfe aforesayd, that he maye brynge it with him, yf your L. leasure so serve for it. Your L. moost humble to comaunde. W. Herlle li.