

# Transcript

## Editorial comments:

SP 83/15/88 f. 193r - 194v. William Herle to the Earl of Leicester. See also BL MS Cotton Galba C VII f.211r-212v. On the top line of this letter, a box has been partially drawn around the word 'the'. This letter is not in Herle's hand, but he has annotated it with both marginalia and supralinear insertions.

## Address leaf:

[fol. 194v]

[Endorsement by Herle:] The Copye of mi lre to the Erlle of Lecester. the last of marche yn Bruges 1582./

[Endorsement by unknown hand:] Prince Dolphin / affronted by a Burgher of Bruges.

## Letter text:

[fol. 193r] On sonday att night .R. honorable good L. the P. dolphin departed from Andwerp by water to Calice, whom Monsieur accompanied to the shipp, and was there affronted by a Burgesse of the Town, who threatned both him and the frenche that beffore yt weare longe, they shold have a sufficyent revendge of them, usinge very Rude Termes besyde, and drewe his sword ~~hym self~~ ~~owt~~ [marginalia by Herle: halff owtt ] against maryvall capitain of monsieurs garde. The fellowe was committed, and som exemployre justice shalbe don uppon him, for he was nott droncke. The P. Dolphin shalbe cheefe Conductor of the Armye that is to come, Bellegard and other Captaynes are to be sent within three or foure dayes hence into fraunce to levye trowpes Telligwe who is Lanowes son is appointed with certein frenche companies to assiste Temple in Bruxells./

Iper hath some frenche Ensignes sent to supplie them against the enemye, who is departed thens to Lentz, which is a towne betwen Arras and Lyle, surprised by the garrison of Cambray of late, who left xvj Ensignes of frenche and wallons in that ~~Town~~, but itt is not gardable

[marginalia by Herle: whiles they do carye so far from Cambray they make the same so muche the weker & brynges danger with it./] On munday towards the eveninge the P of Orenge wond began to bleed, at the place where the Bullett entred, which cessed nott till midnight, yt is feared that the Escar or scurffe, that now separates from the wond hath all this while covered som vayne that was hurte by the Bullett, which is a matter verie daingerous, howe to be stopped, or holpen, yett we are in good hope that yt proceedes not from the vayne but of some other accydence, in searchinge of the sayd wond to nere./

On Tewsday, the States generall assembled in the palice and then weare sworne to Monsieur, to holld him and obey him, as theire Sovereigne, and he in like maner, made his othe to defend them and to maintayne there pryvilegs./

And whereas Holland and Zeland made difficulltie hitherunto, to enter into the said othe, they have nowe agreed with the rest, and made there othe, yett condycionallie to be comprised no further therein, than as the paciffication of Gawnt hath limited them, wherunto they stand and be

refferred, wherein because your L. shalbe better instructed howe they have compounded for them selves, I doe send your L. herewith the booke of the said composicon of Gaunt, to peruse at large./

The same Tewsdaye morninge, a Trompetor cam from Gawnt with lres to Monsieur, and the P. of Orange [marginalia by Herle: G. Lanyastrey] declaringe that Laniastry the spanyard was att Turney with the P of Parma, and that processions with candells, was hadd at Turney on the selfe same sunday, that the P of Orange was hurt, gevinge thanckes to god, for a singuler benefitt that his goodnes was disposed to bestowe uppon them, Att Montz there [fol. 193v] were the like prayers and procession made a foure dayes after for the deathe of the P of Orange./

The P. of Parma wrott by a Trompetor to Gawnt signifieng that by gods highe goodnes, the arche heretyke and Traytor the P. of Orange was rydd owt of this life and therefore that yt was tyme now for them to returne to the obedyens of there naturall Soveraigne, who shold receyve them in sweetnes and benignitie to his favor, even in that degree that they them selves shold prescrybe which he in the word of a Prince did assure them of, His Trompetor was committed, and the lres sent to Monsieur and the Prince of Orange, for they hadd written to sondrie, particuler lres, aswell at Brugs and Bruxells as at Gawnt./ Which will procure, that the Trompettors shalbe executed./

The P. of Parma hath caused Brutes to [1 word expunged] ron amonge his followers, that the P. of Orange was slayne owtright with the Bullett, and the Princesse of Pynoeie to save him, was allsoe slayne, her howsband hurt, and his princypall Councillor ron madd, bothe his secretaries fledd to the enemye, and the rest of his people dispersed and that bothe Monsieur and he, were abandoned of the people who were whollie in raige and furye against the french.

Monsieur was advertised on tewsdaye morninge that Bomell and Venlow were surprysed by the enemye, by the intelligence that they hadd with those of the said Townes. whither the P. of Orandge hadd sent by ij wayes to informe them how thinges passed, and howe to avoyed the practises of the enemyes, yf Bomell be lost, the enemye is master of the strongest Towne in the Lowe Countryes, and thereby dothe possesse the passaige of the Ryne, the mose and the wale, which do meete there all in one / ytt is hoped that the takinge of Bomell is but a brute geven owt by the enemye, Tyellt which is ~~but~~ a neighbor Towne to Bomell, wolld geve over of yt self yf Bomell were become the ennemyes, and Gurkan could not hold owt longe, a place in Holland of great importaunce and nott farr from fyan and Utright./

Ytt is well nye apparrant, that the Malecontents will nott harcken to any accord, to be hadd with Monsieur. for the Cownt della Lainge canne in no wyse abyde the P. of Oranges grettnes, The vycownt of Gawnt will not be in place, where his brother the P of Pynoyes shall have either credytt or awthoritie. And Montigny bearinge soe great a swaye with the P. of Parma as he dothe, having the chardge of all the [infantry] wilbe lothe to chainge for a worse place and of lesse gayne and reputation, being assured that the K. of Sp: duringe the warres, shalbe constrained to use him, further [fol. 194r] than which ^& the comoditie of the present tyme^ the nobilitie of this Countrey carye no great levell either to posteritie or fame. or to future danger./

On Wednesdaye morninge Monsieur comanded publicke prayer to be made for the P. of Oranges health by the Catholickes at St Michaells church, which is dyverslie interpreted of and the same morninge was the Cassyer and the Jacobyn fryer ~~and~~ confessor to John Jawrigui) executed. your L. shall have there examinacons by the next Post in prynt, and Monsieurs entrie into Andwerpe

with the same wherewith verie humblye I take my leave prayenge your L. that I maye ons here from yow in answer of soe many lres as I have sent you, Brugs the last of Marche meaninge on munday to returne towards Andwerpe./ 1582

[Postscript:] Your L. most needes be good to Coronell ^morgan^ who trewlye is a tall soldyor, and an honest gentleman, as well inclyned to do your L. servyce as any one that ever depended of yow / Yf yow will vowche save to allowe of his preferment to a Regyment I do fynde that bothe Monsieur and the P. of Orange, be well inclyned to favor him, therefore yow showld doe verie honorable to commande ^& awhorize^ me by .3. lynes wrytten by your L to sollicyte with Monsieur and the P. of Orange, his advauncement before other yonge fellowes that are verie busie to gett chardge here, which will doe nothings ells but slaunder the servyce and nation./ And for that I do knowe that your L. herein shall doe singuler pleasure to the Earle of Penbroke I am the boulder to remember your L. of your lawfull favor to be extended on this behalfe./  
 your L most humble

[Postscript:] [marginalia by Herle: Post script] the first of Aprill 1582/ The generall master Norrys is well inclyned to have master Morgan preferred, for that Regyment shalbe allsoe under Master Norrys generall chardge./ Bomell & Venlowe were preserved by the advertysemens that came from the P. of Orenge who prevented thereby the enemyes practyses./