

Transcript

Editorial comments:

TNA SP 84/63/262 f. 266r – 267v. William Herle's Memorandum to Queen Elizabeth.

Address leaf:

[fol. 267v]

[Endorsement by unknown hand:] Master Herles memoriall delyvered unto her Majestie.

Letter text:

[fol. 266r]

- The Breill.
- John Leonardson.
- William Williamson Burgmasters.
- Dirick van Dyvenvorde. High Bailie
- Valkenstyne Receaver of the Demeanes.
- Alleblas. Receaver of the Impostes.
- Seroett Master of the watche.
- Vander A.
- Skurebrand.
- Hemert Captaines of the Souldiours.
- John de Langen Secretarie of the Towne.
- Henrick van Veken Convoye master.
- Peeter Cornelius Scowte.
- Amsterdam.
- William Bardeus he that holdes the Sterne there.
- Doctor Martin.
- Reinart Gant.
- Peeter Bom
- Egbert Roliphes Burgmasters:
- Doctor Sylla. pensioner.
- Harman Rodenborghe. Captaine of the Towne:
- Enchusen.
- Jacob Floris Skowte.
- Albert Peeterson.
- Martin dirickson. Burgmasters.
- John Garbrands vice Admirall of north Holland.
- Doctor Francis Maelson Recorder or pensioner
- John Joestines Secretarie.
- ^
- Leyden.
- William John Ryers.
- Claws Williams
- Peeter Peeters.

- Claws Wiggers Burgmasters.
- Pawle Voss pensioner.
- John can Holt Secretarie.
- ^
- Horne.
- Claws Bowlis Scowte.
- Peeter Harmanson
- Cornelius Cornelius Soopp
- Meinart van Lane
- Clement Reinartson Burgmasters.
- Doctour Theodore Hogebetts a principall governor.

[fol. 266v]

- Embden.
- Enno Garts
- Leffart
- Oltman Enest
- Gerart Henrickes Wardes of the Boome.
- These names conteine a misterie.
- Harlem.
- Mathew Steyne Burgmaster.
- John Weers Secretarie.

The reuenu of Amsterdam *his communibus annis* is five hundred thowsand Crownes by the yere, at fortie stivers to the crowne their monie.

[marginalia by unknown hand: Holland alone.] The reuenu of the Contrie ordinarie beside extraordinarie is a hundred and thirtie thousand gildernes by the moneth, which by the yere amownteth to xv. hundred and threescore thowsand gildernes.

They have this yere past disburst vj hundred thowsand gildernes beside above the ordinarie and will contribute to their shirte, So they maie have a faithfull head over them, and are out of doubt a trew and loving people, so that they be governed by justice.

They maie be drawne to furnish yerely of ordinarie betwene three and foure hundred thousand powndes flemishe, and fiftie saile of good shippes well appointed to anie exploite your Majestie shall have lykeng to.

Consequently yow shall have the state of *Utrecht*, the duchie of Gelderland *Overissell*, *Zeland*, and west friseland imediately Contributors, when they shall see a head ones established mawgre all foes.

And your Majesties acceptacon of them shall awaken all Germanie out of sleepe to back and assist the Cawse, who onlie attend the Star that maie leade them the waie , [marginalia by Herle: The sayd Germanyes] being wholly altered from this devotion since the Cowntenance and name of the french was used, whom they trust not, as ones I signified to your Majestie from Antwerp, whiles the Duke of Alanson was then there.

Holland is the Staple of all Europe, and maie starve the king of Spa: armie in the low Contries and

Spaine it self.

[fol. 267r]

Holland and Zeland ar hable to make ten thowsand saile of shippes; The only staple of munition in the world in so small a grownd, a receptacle of the traffick of your Majesties Realme, So as having Embden at your devotion, as yow have alredie, and shall have in more ample sorte by Goddes leave, yow have to tame both Spaine and france will they or nill they, wherunto both the kingdomes of Denmarke and Swethen will joyne all their assistence, And so Spa: maie be kept occupied ^{^at home^}, his traffick cutt of at his verie doers, his kingdom starved, and the comodities of both the Indies cutt cleane from him, Towardes the which I have brought your Majestie a book of Sea Chartes, conteyneng all the portes, havens and creekes of Spa: and the ^{^secretts^} [1 word expunged] of them exactly: I have also for your Majestie a trew Calculation of all the shippeng of Spa: and their burden, and to whatt portes they belong, So as the attempt is easie and assured, if only yow voutsave to resolve.

To conclude Spa: is bent to beginn with your Majestie if this opportunitie be not embraced, and then all those thinges that serve now, for your strength and greatnesse, wilbe turned cleane against yow, and your owne freindes will quaille for the question is brought to this scantling, and is not voideable whether yow will have warres at home with *Hanniball* or warres abroad with *Scipio*, which most humbly of myne owne knowledge for discharge of my bownden dutie and naturall allegiance, I do here present to yow my dere Sovereaigne and Quene.

Further I am charged to saye unto your majestie from those of northe holland (To whom I must nedes write som comfortable answeere by your majesties order, for they will trust me more than anie other, in this behalf). That they canot dwell longer than the middle of next moneth or the end, without hope of an absolute head [marginalia by Herle: butt presently they most be resolved of som assurance on that behalf.] And to your majestie they submitt all absolutely, without Condition or Cawtion, your faithe and sinceritie being holden sacred amongst them, which I praie unto the high God ever to blesse and augment. W. H.