

- pp. 1-2 Extracts from the Latin text of Simon Vigor the younger (ed.), *Les Canons des Conciles de Toledé, de Meaux, de Mayence ... par lesquels la doctrine de deposer et tuer les roys et Princes est condannée* (1615):  
Nec ego diffiteor reges posse deponi, sed a Deo solo ... qui olim vivæ vocis oraculo per ministros suos Prophetus operabatur.
- pp. 3-64 `Essaies of Coniecture vpon certaine Negotiations touching peace Betweene the Archduke and the States in Anno Salutis 1607', attributed to `C. F.':  
An offer made by the Archduke and acceptd by the states in Aprill 1607 ... If then a truce will admitt aswell confirmacion to the publique act that shalbe made to ratifie the freenes of their state, it seemes as worth to be preferred: else not.  
Essay on the negotiations between Archduke Alberto, governor of Spain, and Maurice of Nassau, leader of the States General of the United Provinces [the Netherlands' separatist government], which led to a truce in hostilities between Spain and the Netherlands in 1609.
- pp. 73-93 [Sir Walter Raleigh], `A politiqe Dispute about the happiest match for the noble Prince Henry [~~Charles~~]:  
There is noe body that perswaded our Prince to match with Savoy for any love to the person of the Duke ... those we leave that depend on themselues, to witt the French, for those that depend on others, to witt the Savoyans and the Florentines.  
`W: R:' added later by a another hand. See *IELM* i, pt. 2, pp. 428, 429-30, where the title is given as `Discourse touching a marriage between Prince Henry and a Daughter of Savoy'. Here the text is followed, p. 94, by a list, dated 30 March 1613, of `The present[s] of the king of Spaine', to be sent in `a Shipp of Ipswich ... at Tower Wharfe'.
- pp. 99-109 [Account by Sir John Digby of negotiations for a Spanish marriage for Prince Henry, 1611-12]:  
The charge which I held havinge soe necessary a relation and dependency on that place, to which your wisdome and deserts have moved his Majestie to call you ... That a daughter (whose sex giveth euer the priviledge to be sought) being offored, hath not bene accepted.
- pp. 117-20 `Some points to be noted for Secretaries' (advice for overseas envoys):  
When one negotiates or writes ofte of that he has negotiated already, he vses to sett downe the day of the date of his precedent letters ... to write of private in a letter by it selfe, to keepe Coppies of all letters written, or receiued in publique matters.
- pp. 121-48 `Instructions to the the right Honourable Lord Peter Caietau [*sic*] when he wente into Flaunders to the Prince of Parma':  
Your Honourable Lord shall on in your voyage, according to such directions and advertisements as have beene given you ... God blesse yov and so graunt you of his grace as you feare him and honour him and shew it in your Actions.

See also Cardinal Enrico Gaetani [d. 1599], *Instructions for young gentlemen; or the instructions of Cardinall Sermonetta to his cousen Petro Caetano, at his first going into Flanders to serve Philip, king of Spaine* (Oxford, 1633) (A. W. Pollard & G. R. Redgrave, *A Short-Title Catalogue of Books printed in England, Scotland & Ireland, 1475-1640* (London, 1986-91) 11514); the present text appears to be an independent English translation of the same original.

- pp. 149-56 `A discourse of Don Scipio de Castro about the arch Duke Matthias going into Flanders':  
This going of Prince Mathias into Flanders is a thing of greate consideration, as your Exelency saith ... And so with all humilitie kissing your Excellencies handes, I pray God send yov happines and encrease of State.  
Political tract in the form of a letter, concerning the involvement of the Austrian archduke Matthias in the war between Spain and the Netherlands, in 1577.
- pp. 157-63 `A discourse of the same Don Scipio de Castro concerninge the Duke of Alencons going into Flanders':  
Your honourable Lord demandes of me three poyntes ... This is all which the weakenes of my iudgment can discerne, concerninge the three aforesaid poyntes.  
Political tract in the form of a letter, concerning the involvement of François, duc d'Alençon, later duc d'Anjou, in the war between Spain and the Netherlands in 1578.
- pp. 165-75 `Generall Remembrances for the Ministers of Princes Ligier about other Princes, and other observacions meete for Secretaries':  
First to showe himselfe both toward Prince and people, perfectly religious, and a devout Christian, a lover of Justice, and of the publique good ... Greate dexteritie needs when at one and the selfsame tyme, the Ambassador is both to expostulate, and to request a favour.
- pp. 176-89 Extract in Latin from Simon Vigor, *Apologia ... de Suprema Ecclesiae Auctoritate* (1615), concerning the relative powers of Church and monarchy:  
Absolutum imperium voco, cui opponitur imperium aristocratio regimine temperatum ... esset jus ciuile et gentium peruertere, atque omnem jurisdictionem ciuilem tollere.