f. 1 Statement, 11 June 1581, of François de Bourbon and eight French representatives, witnessed by Lord Burghley, Francis Walsingham and five other English representatives:

Nous françois de Burbon prince Daulphin d'Auvergne Duc de St Jergeam & du pais Puysan, pair de France ... Nous auons

ensemblement signè ces presentes a Londres le xj<sup>me</sup> Jour de Juing Lan 1581.

Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 349-50.

- f. 1<sup>V</sup> Letter, July 1581, from Elizabeth I to Henri III, king of France: Tres-hault &c. somme en la reservation faict sur le contraict de nostre mariage ... Le desir qu'auons de vous donner entier satisfaccion & contentement de tous nos deportements qe sera la fin. Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), p. 351.
- instruccions [from Elizabeth I] for Sir Frauncis Wallsingham knight hir majesties principall secretary sent into Fraunce to the french king and to Monsieur the duke of Aniou./ 22° Julij 1581':

  For that you are throughly acquaynted with all the negociacions passed concerning the mariage desyred by Monsieur ... And so you shall end & speedely aduertise vs of your proceedings.

  Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655),
- f. 3 Instruccions for the treaty of a league offensiue & defensiue betwixt vs & the French king & for other thinges depending therevppon 22° Julij 1581':

pp. 352-4.

When it shall appeare vppon the other treating which the french king according to such other instruccions as you haue ... but such as shall make the enemy ayded thereby able to vse open hostillity agaynst the third prince.

Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 355-6; see also *CSP Foreign 1581-2*, pp. 277-8.

f. 3<sup>v</sup> Letter, 27 July 1581, from Sir Francis Walsingham at Boulogne to Sir Henry Cobham and John Sommers:

After my very harty commendacions. Forasmuch as hir majesties pleasure was that I should first make my repayre to Monsieur ... for that the necessity of hir majesties seruice so requyreth & so I leaue you to God.

Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), p. 356.

f. 3<sup>v</sup> Letter, 28 July 1581, from Sir Francis Walsingham at Boulogne to Lord Burghley.

My very good Lord. I aryued heare this thursday morning somewhat distempered in body ... And so for the present hauing no other matter to impart vnto your Lordship. I humbly take my leaue. Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 356-7.

f. 3<sup>v</sup>-4 Letter, [July 1581], from Henry Cobham to Sir Francis Walsingham: The Queene mother in the absence of the king. beeing now at St Germains ... They aduertise out of Spain that the corne doth fayle them this haruest so as they doubt of famine &c.

Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 357-8.

- f. 4 Letter, 31 July 1581, from François de Bourbon, duc d'Alençon, at Château Thiray [Château-Thierry] to Sir Francis Walsingham: J'ay eu une extreme contentement quand la Royne m'a voulu tant fauouriser de vous auoir choisy ... Je supplieray le Createur qu'il vous ayt Mr de Walsingham en sa tres-saincte & digne garde. Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), p. 358.
- f. 4V Letter, 6 August 1581, from Lord Burghley at Greenwich to Sir Francis Walsingham:
  Sir the sending away of this by Mr Mills to you moueth me to accompany him with a few lines ... Greenwich where I am tyed by your absence & yet doe little good.

Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 359-60.

f. 5<sup>r-v</sup> Letter, 6 August 1581, from [Sir Francis Walsingham] to Elizabeth I: It may please your most excellent majestie I have imparted in my lettres directed to my Lord Treasurer ... as a pollitike prince ought to doe preserving the publike (espetially his honour being so farre ingaged as it was) before [...].

Incomplete, lacks ending through loss of next folio; for complete text see Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 360-3.

ff. 6-7<sup>V</sup> Letter, [4 x 9] August 1581, from Sir Francis Walsingham to Lord Burghley:

[...] propounded vnto him in hir majesties name, letting me know from

him that the Duke found it very strange ... As soon as it cometh to my handes I will with the next dispatch send it your Lordship. Incomplete, lacks beginning through loss of previous folio; for complete text see Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 363-71.

ff. 7<sup>V</sup>-8<sup>V</sup> Letter, 10 August 1581, from Lord Burghley to Sir Francis Walsingham:

Sir your Servant Bornham this bearer came hither yesterday being Wednesday the ixth of this moneth ... And thus I end doubting that I shall weary you with reading as I am allmost with wryting. Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 371-3.

f. 8<sup>V</sup> Letter, 11 August 1581, from Lord Burghley at Greenwich to Sir Francis Walsingham:

Sir after I had yesternight being Thursday written & sealed vp my lettres ... & so I haue directed it wishing you not to be troubled therewith.

Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 374-5.

ff. 8<sup>V</sup>-9 Letter, 10 August 1581, from Sir Francis Walsingham at Paris to Elizabeth I:

It may please your moste excellent majestie the continuaunce of Gods infinite goodnes towards your highnes ... whereby we your poore subjects may enioy the continuaunce of that happy gouernment we haue most happily liued vnder during your majesties raigne. Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 375-8.

f. 9<sup>r-v</sup> Letter, 10 August 1581, from Sir Francis Walsingham, Henry Cobham and John Sommers at Paris to Lord Burghley:

Our very good Lord it may please your Lordship to let the Queen's majestie vnderstand ... how other things wilbe answered & offered to be treated vppon. And so we take our leaue of your Lordship. Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 376 -[7]; see also *Calendar of State Papers Foreign 1581-2*, p. 288.

f. 9<sup>V</sup> Letter, 13 August 1581, from Lord Burghley at Greenwich to Sir Francis Walsingham:

Sir your seruant Watson brought hither at dinner tyme this day beeing sonday the xiiith your lettres ... Mr Beale hath the cyphered lettre of

Tanis to procure to be interpreted but as yet it is not done & so with my paper I end.

Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. [377]-8.

f. 10 Letter, 14 August [1581], from Lord Burghley at Greenwich to Sir Francis Walsingham:

Sir since my wryting yesternight, though the lettres be not gone yet ... you should doe as you thought best, although she sayd she would that he retourned.

Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), p. 379.

- f. 10 Letters patent in Latin, 12 August 1581, of Sir Francis Walsingham, Henry Cobham and John Sommers at Paris, published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 379-80.
- f. 10-11<sup>V</sup> Letter, August 1581, from Sir Francis Walsingham, Henry Cobham and John Sommers to Lord Burghley:

It may please your Lordship to aduertise hir majestie that the next day after an audience in the after noone ... certayne shippes in a readines lykewise to set forwards towards the Isles to be employed in this seruice.

Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. [380]-3.

ff. 11<sup>V</sup>-12 `A memoriall for Mr Sommers' [from Sir Francis Walsingham], 14 August [1581]:

First you shall declare vnto the Duke that wheras the king had yeelded to proceed to the treaty without marriage ... that if it fall not out that some part of the project doe not tend to his disaduantage. Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 384-5.

f. 12 Priuate memoriall for Mr Sommers' from Sir Francis Walsingham, [14 August 1581]:

You may besydes the pointes contayned in this memoriall adde such other things as you can call to remembrance ... I shall then pray you to deale with him therin as in your good Judgment & discretion shalbe thought meet.

Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 385-6.

f. 12 Letter, 13 August 1581, from Sir Francis Walsingham at Paris to Lord Burghley:

My very good Lord by the generall lettre & coppy of of that I writ vnto hir majestie your Lordship may conceaue as much as we are able to discipher of the causes ... & what shalbe thought meet to be added to the former treatyes. And so I humbly take my leaue of your Lordship. Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), p. 386.

f. 12<sup>r-v</sup> Letter, 13 August [1581], from Sir Francis Walsingham to Elizabeth I: It may please your moste excellent majestie I know you cannot but finde the kings alteracion of his former resolucion very straunge ... & your faythfull seruauntes & subjectes cause to to reioyce & to render vnto him therfore their humble thanks. And so &c.

Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), p. 387-8, *Hatfield MSS* part ii, pp. 412-13; see also *Calendar of State Papers Foreign 1581-2*, p. 287, where it is dated 10 August 1581.

ff. 12<sup>v</sup>-13 Letter, 17 August [1581], from Lord Burghley at Greenwich to Sir Francis Walsingham:

Sir as often as I haue opportunity I wryte to you ... Tyrligh pretendeth all obedience alledging that the southern rebells haue sollicited him to rebell but he would neuer assent therto.

Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 388-9.

f. 13 Letter, 17 August [1581], from Lord Burghley at Greenwich to Sir Francis Walsingham:

Since the closing vp of my lettre written within this houre ... But how long this inclinacion will continue I know not.

Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 389-90.

f. 13 Letter, 18 August [1581], from Lord Burghley to Sir Francis Walsingham:

Sir because this bearer your seruaunt is by you commaunded to come without delay ... you shall do well to wryte to hir majestie or to me of the state & proceeding of Monsieur with his army for she findeth fault therewith.

Postscript:

I pray you in my name thank Sir Henry Cobham for his lettres to me, excusing me for not wryting for want of leasure & matter. Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), p.390.

f. 13<sup>r-v</sup> Letter, 16 August 1581, from Sir Francis Walsingham to Elizabeth I: Moste gracious souueraigne. The particular lettre it pleased your highness of your princely fauour to vouchsafe to wryte ... to blesse all your majesties proceedings, with that happy successe as may be to your highness particular content & the comfort of your best affected subjects.

Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 390-1, and *Hatfield MSS* part ii, pp. 415-16.

f. 13<sup>V</sup> Letter, [August 1581], from Sir Francis Walsingham to Lord Burghley: My very good Lord finding in a lettre written to me by Monsieur Marchammont (wherof I send your Lordship a copy) ... we have nothing to doe heere, the league without mariage being now vtterly broken of.

Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), p. 392; see also *Calendar of State Papers Foreign 1581-2*, p. 293.

f. 13<sup>v</sup> Letter, 17 August [1581], from Sir Francis Walsingham to Lord Burghley:

My very good Lord I haue cause to think my self infinitely bound to your Lordship for the honourable standing to my defence touching my proceeding heere ... I can but pray to God so to blesse hir majesties resolucion to marry with that good effect that may be to hir owne comfort & the benefit of hir realme.

Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), p. 392; see also *Calendar of State Papers Foreign 1581-2*, p. 292.

f. 14 Letter, 21 August [1581], from Lord Burghley to Sir Francis Walsingham:

Sir I thank you for acquaynting me with that you write to hir majestie ... hir majestie meaneth to send the Lord Haward to Monsieur to visit him.

Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), p. 393.

f. 14<sup>r-v</sup> Letter, 21 August 1581, from Sir Francis Walsingham, Henry Cobham and John Sommers at Paris to Lord Burghley It may please your Lordship. After the long stay from proceeding in our negotiacion ... or ells it shalbe thought here that all our doings are but dalliaunces.

Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 395-6.

f. 14<sup>v</sup> Letter, 21 August [1581], from Sir Francis Walsingham to Lord Burghley:

My very good Lord your lettre of the 17th sent by Mr Vicechamberlaynes man I haue receaued the contents ... The rest of the Marshalls Monsieur doth not desyre. And so &c.

Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 396-7.

ff. 14<sup>V</sup>-15 Letter, 24 August [1581], from Lord Burghley at Greenwich to Sir Francis Walsingham:

Sir when I had imparted to hir majestie all the lettres brought hither this 24th from yourself alone ... I need not to adde these but to obay hir commaundment as I haue done in all my lettres.

Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 397-9.

ff. 15<sup>r-v</sup> Letter, 24 August [1581], Lord Burghley `from my house' to Sir Francis Walsingham:

Sir when I had made vp the packet being come late this euening ... & will seek to draw this king into France where his lyfe I feare wilbe vendible.

Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), p. 394.

f. 15<sup>V</sup> Letter, 24 August [1581], from Lord Burghley at Greenwich to Sir Francis Walsingham:

Sir where by my last lettres I made doubt vnto you of the going forth of the shippes in the voyage intended ... And thus constrayned to be shorter than I would otherwise for the dispatch of this bearer &c. Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), p. 394.

- f. 15<sup>V</sup> Letters patent in French, 23 August 1581, of Henri III, king of France, at Paris, published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 399-400.
- f. 16 Letter, 23 August 1581, from Henri III, king of France, at Paris to Sir Francis Walsingham, Henry Cobham and John Sommers: Messieurs de W[alsingham], C[obham] & S[ommers] Ambassadeurs de la royne d'Angletere madame ma bonne soeur & cousine. Jay veu l'escrit que m'auez faict presenter ... laquelle prolongacion desdits vingt iours J'accorde volontiers & ay bien agreable.

Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), p. 400.

f. 16<sup>r-v</sup> Résumé in French and English of discussions held on 27 August [1581] and points of agreement for a treaty: 1655), pp. 400-3.

Primierement que le traict faict au temps de [f]eu de bonne memoire le roy Charles ix<sup>ieme</sup> ... that this secret treaty between the king & hir should passe onely by mutuall promise contayned in priuat lettres vnder their owne handes.

Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 400-3.

- f. 17 Letter, 27 August 1581, from Sir Francis Walsingham, Henry Cobham and John Sommers at Paris to Lord Burghley:
  It may please your good Lordship to aduertise hir majestie that as by our last lines to you of the 21 of this present ... & that he thinketh they are gone to met with the rest of the Spaunish fleet. And thus &c. Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 403-5.
- f. 17<sup>V</sup> Letter, 26 August 1581, from Sir Francis Walsingham to Lord Burghley:
  My very good Lord I send your Lordship heer inclosed the last article contayned in mine instruccions for the league ... vntill he may heare from his brother to whom Du Vray hath this day dispatched a packet. Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 406-7.
- f. 18 Letter, 26 August 1581, from Sir Francis Walsingham at Paris to Lord Burghley:

  My very good Lord wheras I perceaue by your lettre of the 17th of this present that her majestie doth meruayle ... as a thing that doth importe hir greatly both in honour & in safety.

  Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 407-8, where it is dated 20 August; the original in BL MS Cotton Galba E. vi, f. 10, is dated 25 August (see Conyers Read, *Mr Secretary Walsingham and the policy of Queen Elizabeth* (Oxford, 1925), vol. ii, p. 76n).
- f. 18<sup>r-v</sup> Letter, 27 August [1581] from Sir Francis Walsingham at Paris to the duc d'Anjou [sc. François de Bourbon, duc d'Alençon]: Mon seigneur. Ayant tout a cest heure reçeu lettres de la part de sa

majestè par lesquelles suis aduerty ... Je prie le createur vous auoir & toujiours tenir.

Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), p. 412.

f. 18<sup>V</sup> Letter, 28 August 1581, from Sir Francis Walsingham, Henry Cobham and John Sommers at Paris to Lord Burghley:

It may please your Lordship as in a former lettre written from me the Secretary ... he shall not be throughly assisted by hir majestie which opinion is throughly confirmed in him by the Spanish counsayle heere. Not in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655).

ff. 18<sup>V</sup>-19 Letter, 28 August 1581, from Sir Francis Walsingham at Paris to Lord Burghley:

My very good Lord the contents of the lettre written at large vnto me the 24th of this present ... otherwise then that the king of Spaynes greatnes shall be abated. And so &c.

Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 410-11.

f. 19<sup>V</sup> Letter, 27 August 1581, from Lord Burghley at Greenwich to Sir Francis Walsingham:

Sir since the departure of John the curreer hence this is done ... I have paid this bearer Phillips 20.li. in name of his trauayle.

Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), p. 409.

ff. 19<sup>v</sup>-20 Letter, 30 August 1581, from Sir Francis Walsingham at Paris to Lord Burghley:

My very good Lord Finding by the inclosed that the Duke desyreth that all expedicion may be vsed ... to procure hir majesties direccion in case it fall out so what course we shall hold.

Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 413-14.

f. 20<sup>r-v</sup> Letter, 2 September 1581, from Lord Burghley at Greenwich to Sir Francis Walsingham:

Sir I am sory hartely that at this tyme I cannot procure you any such resolute annswer as I desyre ... that I wryte not now priuatly to him nor yet to Mr Sommers whose excuse is well allowed of. Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 414-19.

- ff. 20V-1V Letter, 2 September 1581, from Lord Burghley at Greenwich to Sir Francis Walsingham, Sir Henry Cobham and John Sommers: After my harty commendacions. vppon the receipt of your lettres of the 26 August written from you three ioyntly ... & might best appeare, by some honourable good supporte to be giuen to the Duke his brother. Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 419-22.
- f. 21<sup>V</sup> Letter, 2 September 1581, from Lord Burghley to Sir Francis Walsingham

Sir notwithstanding your latter lettres of the 28 of August imparting many reasons to moue hir majestie ... I appointed Mr Mills to be in commission about this dissolucion & sale who will better satisfy you than I can. And so [&c].

Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), p. 422.

ff. 21<sup>V</sup>-2<sup>V</sup> Transcript of articles under discussion, in English and Latin, and notes of Elizabeth I's views thereon, sent by Lord Burghley to Sir Francis Walsingham, 2 September 1581:

Item it is good to couuenaunt that neyther of the princes now confederated shall at any tyme... shall treat allso of the secreat league. Postscript:

Hir majestie would haue the latter annswere to the 4th forborne & for the former to the three hir majestie deliuered to me a speech altering from that annswere as I have particularly written to you Mr Secretary. Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 423-5.

ff. 22<sup>v</sup>-3 Letter, 2 September [1581], from Sir Francis Walsingham to Elizabeth

It may please your most excellent majestie. The lawes of Ethiopia my native soyle are very seuere agaynst those that condemne a person vnheard... to take that way of counsayle that may be moste for your honour and safety.

Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 426-7; see also *Hatfield MSS*, part ii, pp. 427-8, where it is endorsed `12 September 1581'.

f. 23 Letter, 3 September 1581, from Sir Francis Walsingham at Paris to Lord Burghley:

My very good Lord the day following my conference with Queen mother La Motte repayred vnto me ... such as haue been persuaders both in the one & the other haue reaped in steed of thankes displeasure. Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two* 

Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth (London, 1655), p. 428; see also Hatfield MSS, part ii, pp. 423-4.

- ff. 23<sup>V</sup>-5<sup>V</sup> The substance of the speeches that passed priuatly between Queen mother & me the Secreatary in hir garden at the Twilleries the 30 of August 1581':
  - 1. The principall matters I dealt in with her majestie in this conference ...This in substaunce was the effect of that that passed between vs the 30th of August 1581.

Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), pp. 429-33.

ff. 25<sup>v</sup>-6 Letter, 8 September 1581, from Sir Francis Walsingham to Lord Burghley:

My very good Lord I receaued by the last messenger two lettres from your Lordship ... & I pray God it be not with the perill of his person. Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), p. 438.

f. 26 Letter, 13 September [1581] from Sir Francis Walsingham to Lord Burghley:

My very good Lord By the generall lettre your Lordship may perceaue what resolucion the king is growne vnto ... I cannot certaynly let your Lordship vnderstand at what tyme I shall returne to the court there. Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), p. 439.

ff. 26-7 Letter, 13 September 1581, from Sir Francis Walsingham, Henry Cobham and John Sommers at Paris to Lord Burghley: It may please your good Lordship t'vnderstand that on Sunday the xth of this moneth we had audience of the king ... there passed nothing from the king & Queen mother, but ordinary complements & speciall recommending the mariage.

Published in Sir Dudly Digges (ed.), *The Compleat Ambassador or two Treaties of the Intended Marriage of Queen Elizabeth* (London, 1655), p. 441.

f. 27 Letters patent in Latin, 12 September 1581, of Francis Walsingham, Henry Cobham and John Sommers at Paris.

Text ends: `Finis huius Negociacionis'.