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Berne, December 20.

THE Deputies which this Canton sent last Summer to Laufane to visit that Academy, suspected here of several Errors in Matters of Religion, have begun to make their Report to the Senate or Little Council; but it is thought the Opinion of the moderate People of this State will be followed, who are for dropping entirely this Matter, as the best Means to preserve Peace amongst the Clergy of this Country.

Hague, Dec. 26. The States General having some Days ago dispatched an Express to Madrid, with a Letter to the King of Spain, notifying their Accession to the Treaty of Quadruple Alliance with all its secret and separate Articles; their High Mightinesses did on the 23d Instant proceed to order the following Placart to be published.

THE States General of the United Netherlands, to all who shall see these presents, or hear them read, Greeting: Whereas of late Complaints have been made to us on the Part of the Powers engaged in the War against Spain, touching the sending of Contraband Goods to Spain, notwithstanding that by the Treaties of Navigation and Commerce subsisting between some of those Powers and us, the Subjects of this State are prohibited from supplying their Enemies with Contraband Goods; and it being our Intention faithfully to observe and perform the said Treaties, and thereby to prevent all Inconveniencies and Troubles that might arise from the Breach of them; we have therefore thought fit to direct and order, as by these Presents we do direct and order, that no Subject of this State or any other Person, shall export or cause to be exported out of these Provinces, to any Place in the Domini-

ons of the King of Spain, any Goods or Merchandize which by the Treaties between us and some of the Powers, engaged in the War against Spain, are declared to be Contraband, and are specified in the said Treaties; on the Penalty to those who shall offend herein, of Forfeiture not only of all such Contraband Goods, but also of the full Value thereof over and above; and likewise of a Fine of 2000 Guilders to be paid by the Masters and Owners on whose Ships such Contraband Goods shall be laden.

Their High Mightinesses did likewise on the 23d Instant, give Direction for sending this Placart to the several Chambers of Admiralty, with strict Orders to see to the putting it in Execution. And that the same may not be eluded on Pretence of sending such Contraband Goods to Portugal, Italy, or other Parts in the Neighbourhood of Spain, the said Chambers of Admiralty are charged not to suffer any Contraband Goods to be exported for those suspected Countries without taking Security of the Exporters, for double the Value, that the said Goods shall be carried to and unladen at the Places for which the same are declared to be shipped; proper Certificates of which their Unlading shall, within a convenient Time to be limited by the said Chambers of Admiralty, according to the Distance of the respective Places, be produced by the Exporters, in Default of which Process is to be issued against them.

This Proceeding of the States General for preventing the supplying Spain with Contraband Goods, is the more taken Notice of, because during the late War against France and Spain, their High Mightinesses could not be prevailed upon, by all the Instances that were made to them on the Part of their Allies, to publish any such Placart.

Paris.