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Dates. Up to the beginning of 1576, the year started at Lille on Easter; after that point, the city switched to the Gregorian calendar, in which January 1 is the first day of the year. In this book, all dates have been changed to the Gregorian or new style.

Money. Two kinds of money are referred to in this book. (1) The parisis system, originally established by the French kings. It included the livre parisis (abbreviated in the tables and notes of this book simply as liv.), a money of account. Each livre was divided into 20 sols (s.) or 240 deniers (d.). Thus 1 sol was worth 12 deniers. (2) The system based on the florin (fl.), a money of account worth 2 livres parisis. A florin was divided into 20 patars (or 40 gros of Flanders) and 240 deniers tournois. The livre de gros, which contained 240 gros, was worth six florins or twelve livres parisis.

Citations. All citations not in English have been left as found in the archival or printed documents. Diacritical marks have not been added to names of individuals (e.g., Gerard has not been modernized to Gérard, nor Helie to Hélie). All translations are mine.
Abbreviations

AASL  Archives de l’aide sociale de Lille in AML
ADN  Archives départementales du Nord (France)
AEN  Archives de l’État à Namur (Belgium)
AESC  *Annales: économies, sociétés, civilisations*
AET  Archives de l’État à Tournai (Belgium)
Aff. gén.  Affaires générales in AML
AGR  Archives Générales du Royaume (Brussels)
AH  Archives hospitalières in ADN
AML  Archives municipales de Lille
BCHDN  *Bulletin de la Commission Historique du Département du Nord*
BCRHB  *Bulletin de la Commission royale d’histoire de la Belgique*
BML  Bibliothèque municipale de Lille
BN  Bibliothèque nationale (Paris)
BSEPC  *Bulletin de la Société d’Etudes de la Province de Cambrai*
BSHPF  *Bulletin de la Société de l’Histoire du protestantisme français*
C.  Carton in Aff. gén.
CFMP  Correspondance française de Marguerite de Parme
CG  *Correspondance du Cardinal de Granvelle & Correspondance de Marguerite d’Autriche, duchesse de Parme, avec Philippe II*
CMA  *Correspondance de Marguerite d’Autriche, duchesse de Parme, avec Philippe II*
CP, ed.  Correspondance de Philippe II
Gachard  Correspondance de Philippe II
CP, ed.  Correspondance de Philippe II, deuxième partie
Abbreviations

CS Correspondance secrète de Jean Sarrazin
d. dossier in Aff. gén. or denier (see note on money)
EA Papiers d'Etat et d'Audience in AGR
fl. florin(s) (see note on money)
liv. livre(s) parisis (see note on money)
MSSAAL Mémoires de la Société des sciences, de l'agriculture et des arts de Lille
PP Past and Present
RB Archives of the Raad van Beroerte (Council of Troubles) in AGR
RBPH Revue Belge de Philosophie et d'Histoire
RSG Resolutiën der Staten-Generaal
RN Revue du Nord
s. sol (see note on money)
SA Stadsarchief Antwerpen (Belgium)
Tab. Tabellion in ADN
VSWG Vierteljahrschrift für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsgeschichte