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Recipient: Frankfurt congregation

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Other Versions: *Troubles* xxvi-vii

To our louing bretheren & Countremen thenglishe Congregation att Franckford.¹

*Gratiam et pacem in D[omi]no.*² We have receaved yo[u]r l[ett]res³ & also yo[u]r answer in writing conseryning certayne Articles⁴ & doe perceave as well by the same, as by Mr Grindall & Mr Chambers⁵ yo[u]r state. But for as moche⁶ as yo[u]r opinyon is, that the tyme dothe not presentlie serve tooe[sic] move the Magistrats in those requests the obtayning wherof was the principall cause of our sendinge tooe yowe,⁷ we cannot at this

¹ Not in *Troubles*.

² *Troubles* has 'Grace, mercy and peace etc'.

³ The Frankfurt congregation's letter to Strasbourg, 3 Dec 1554, DD/PP/839 41-2, *Troubles* xxiii-vi, which Richard Chambers and Edmund Grindal brought with them when they returned from negotiating with Frankfurt.

⁴ This probably referred to the Three Questions Strasbourg had sent with Grindal and Chambers.

⁵ *Troubles* has 'mister Chambers and maister Grindall'.

⁶ *Troubles* has 'for so muche'.

⁷ *Troubles* has 'sending vnto you'. The 'time is not ripe' argument was used by Strasbourg as the reason to avoid any commitment to come to Frankfurt on 1 Feb. as they had previously suggested and to close this stage of the negotiations without making any concessions.

presente condescende upon any generall meatinge at anye certayne tyme, either tooe
remaiue with you or otherwise. And therefore if you shall certainlye perceau a tyme
conueniaunte y[a]t the Magistrats may be trawelled withall, as well for the good & quiett
habitation of the com[m]eres especially studentes, as also for a severall church⁸ & to
knowe whether the exercyse of thorders of the Booke⁹ shalbe usede (such we meane as
nooe reasonable manne canne iustelye reprove)¹⁰ & that certayntye of those matters¹¹
maye be knowne at the Magistrats handes: Then if you lett us have intelligence¹² we will
further¹³ consulte what is to be done on owr partie. Trusting that Godd¹⁴ shall directe us
tooe dooe sooe as maye be most to his glorie in thende, howsoever the present tyme shall
judge of it. Thus in god we wishe you well to fare.¹⁵ From Strasbroughe this 13o
Decemb(er) 1554.

Your loving bretheren in the Lorde¹⁶

Edwinus Sands

Edmundus Grindall

Jacobus Hadden

Thomas Heton

Johan(us) Fauconer

A(rthur) Saull

⁸ *Troubles* has 'and especially Students, as also a severall churche'.

⁹ *Troubles* has 'the exercise of the book'.

¹⁰ *Troubles* does not have brackets.

¹¹ *Troubles* has 'that the certeintie off theis matters'.

¹² *Troubles* has '(yff you can let vs have intelligence)'

¹³ *Troubles* has 'farther'.

¹⁴ *Troubles* has 'trusting god'.

¹⁵ *Troubles* does not have this sentence.

¹⁶ *Troubles* has 'as in the letteers before' and no list of signatures. The letter of 23 November had 16 signatures, the 13 shown above and John Pedder; Michael Renniger; Augustine Bradbridge and Thomas Crafton.

Gye Heton

C(hristopher) Goodman

Hum(phrey) Alcocson

Tho(mas) Steward

Joh(anus) Jefferaye

Tho(mas) Lochyn

Jo(hanus) Hontinston