propinquo es, ac ibi multos notos propinquosque habes, minus hoc officium eximio viro, qui et tuum actum aliquando honoravit, detrectare conuenit. Decano autem Sanctae Gudulae¹, qui eum istic comitari non recusavit, hospitium in aedibus meis apud Leouardiam obtuli, ubi et te Igranus noster non grauitate (si forte eo uti voles) excipiet. Itaque aut tibi isthuc proficiscendum est, aut certe te excusationes apud Reverendissimum Leouardiensem conquirere decet cur illi in hoc officio non adsis.

A Folcardo fratre tuo litteras nuper accepi, & quoniam earum pars ad te pertinet, hisce eas coniungere visum fuit. Vosque isthic rogo ut ad eum nonnunquam scribitis absentemque consolemini, ac ad complenda feliciter studia exhortemini. De itinere autem Italico, de quo ille a me certior fieri cupit, ex domini Hopperi consilio statuam. Bene vale nepos charissime & fratri coniugique ac amicis omnibus isthuc multam salutem dicito. Bruxella, vii Decemb. 1569.

Tuus ex animo avunculus

VIGLIUS ZUICHÉMUS.

VIII. *Alfonso d'Este to Catherine de Médicis*

Reggio, 18 December 1574.

Letter of introduction for his brother from Alfonso II, duke of Ferrara (1533–97), who is remembered as the patron of Tasso. There is no answer to this letter in the *Lettres de Catherine de Médicis* nor any allusion to it.

Holograph, in a fine Italian hand.

Alla Serma Regina madre del Re Christianissimo, Signora mia osservandissima.

Serma Sra mia osserma.

Il carissimo Fratere² mio gentilhuomo presente esshibitore dopo haver fatto humilissima reverenza alla M^{te} v. in nome mio le esporrà la cagione per la quale viene mandato da me supplicola a degnarti di vederlo et assoltarli un quella humanita che e solita di fare et a prestare a lui quella credenza che per benignita sua darebbe a me proprio et in questi raccomandandomi ben humilimente nella desideratissima gratia della M^{te} V. le bacio riverentemente la mano et prego il G.³ dio che le doni ogni felicità. De Reggio a xviii di Decembre del LXXIII.

D. V. Mt. Humilissimo et obedientissimo servitore

ALFONSO D'ESTE.

IX. *Philip Marnix to Sidbrand Lubbertus*

Asperen, 22 September 1591.

Philip Marnix, lord of Sainte Aldegonde (1538–98), was, next to William of Orange, the greatest of the early leaders of the Dutch revolt. His *Beehive* was an effective satire against the Roman church. When Antwerp, of which he was burgomaster, was captured in 1585, he lost the confidence of his countrymen and retired from active life. (See *Realencyklopädie für protestantische Theologie und Kirche*, s. v.)

Sidbrand Lubbert (1556 or 1557–1625) was the first professor of theology at the Calvinist university of Franeker, founded in 1585. He was a vigorous controversialist

¹ At Brussels.

² Apparently a dialectic form of 'fratello'. Alfonso had a brother who became cardinal of Ferrara and died in 1586. He may have had others.

³ 'Grande.'