

Thurn and Taxis Post in the Southern Netherlands 1501 - 1794

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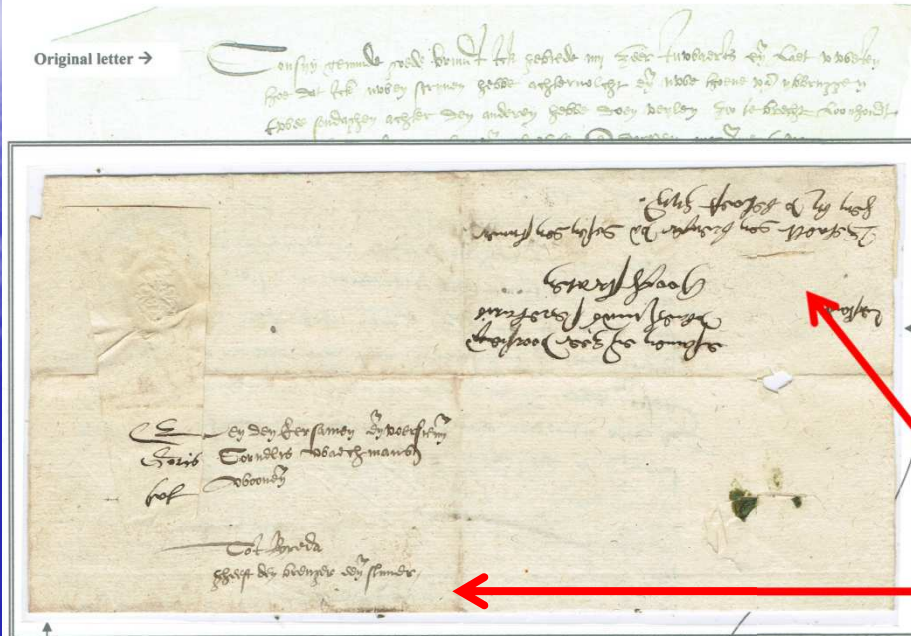
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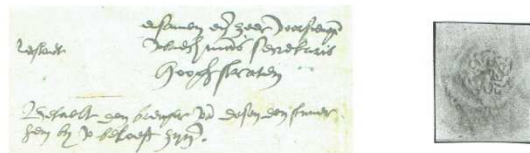
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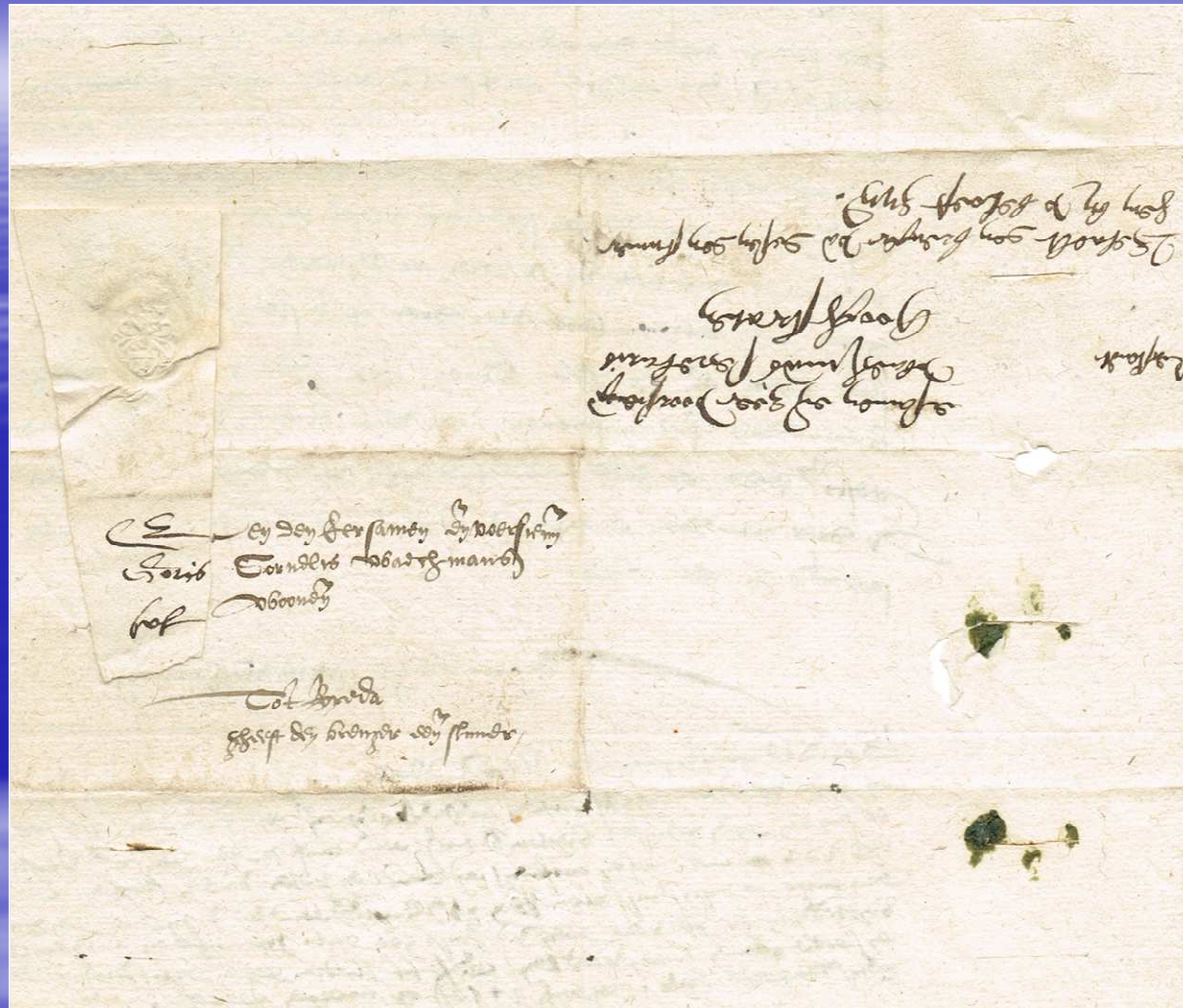
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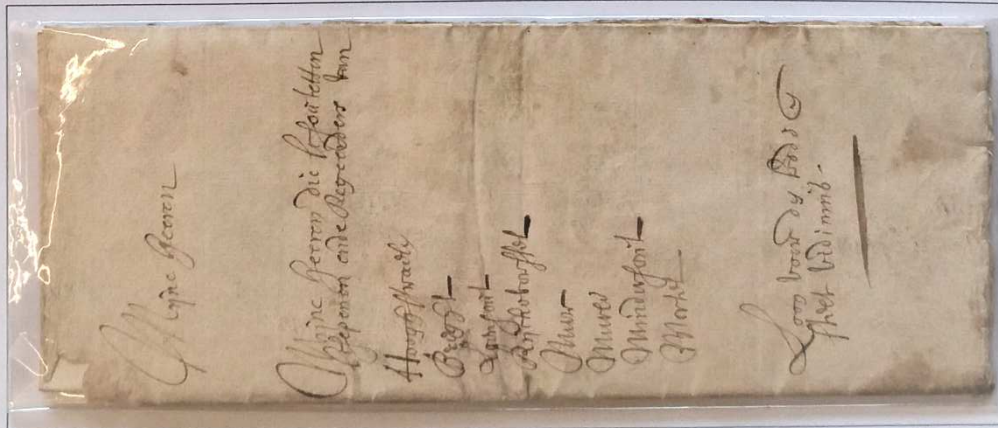
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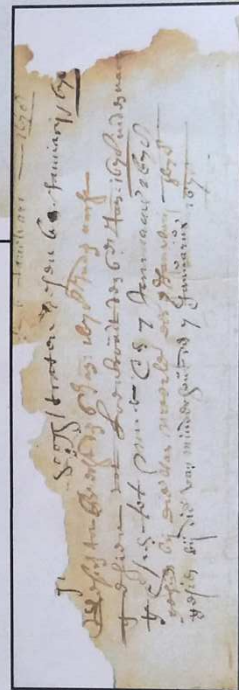
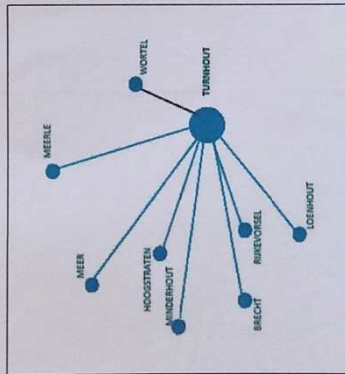


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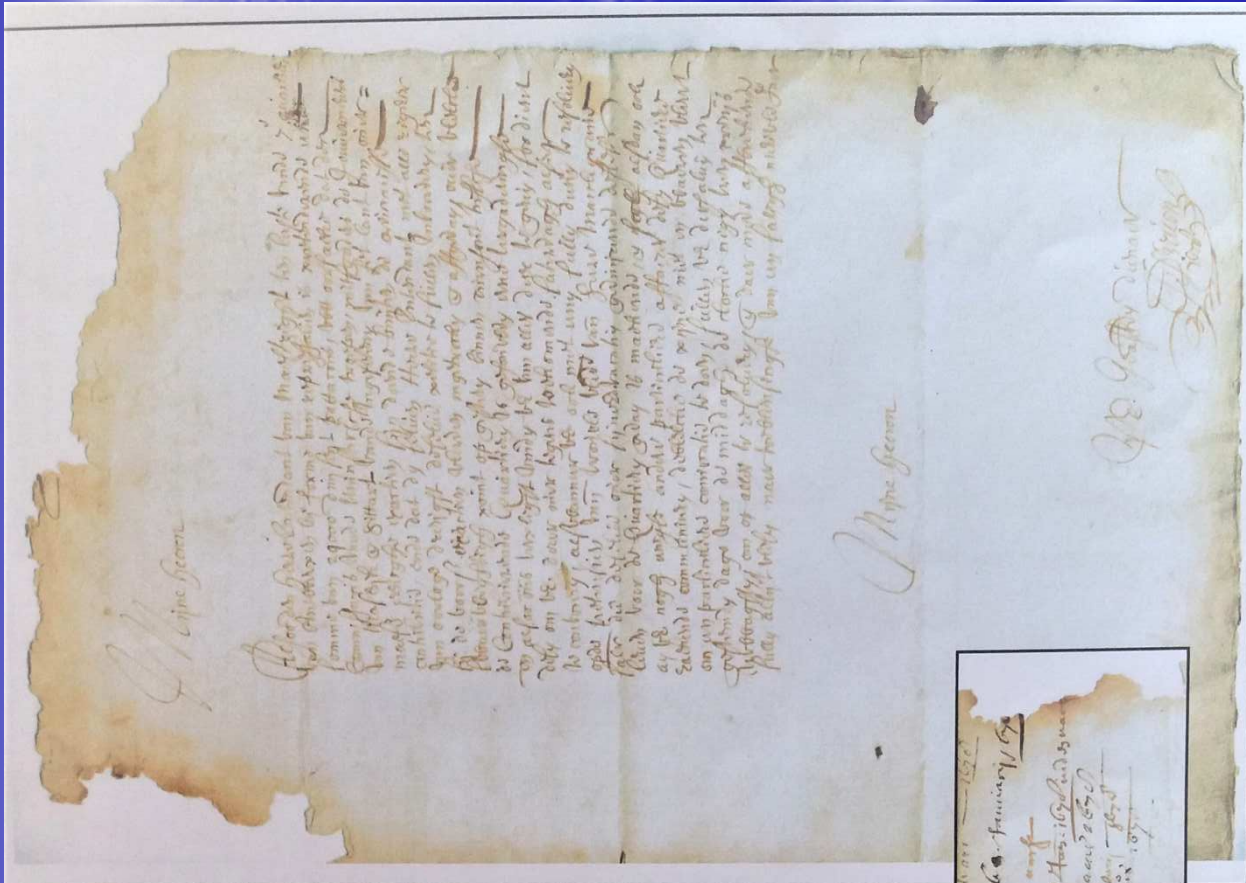
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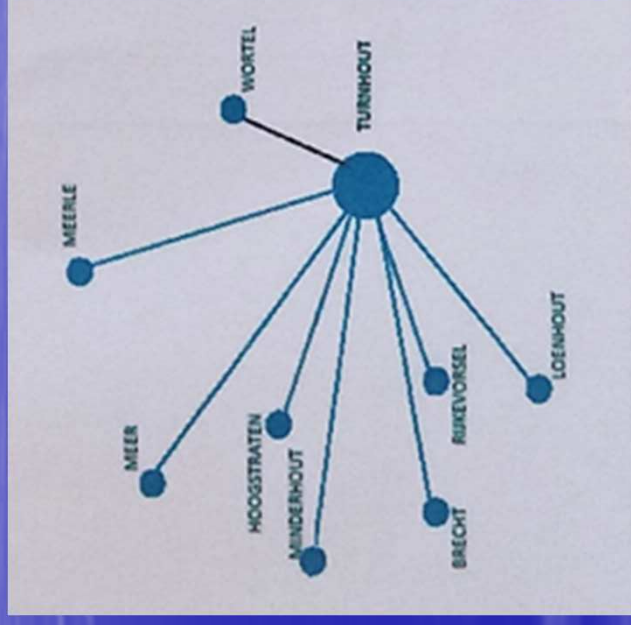
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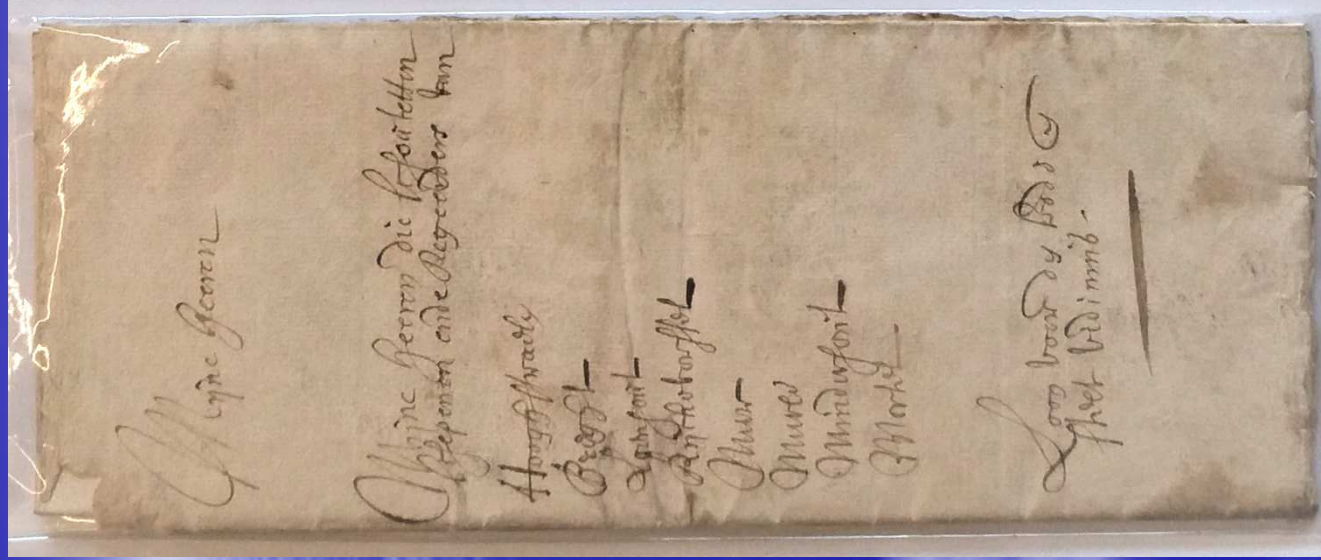
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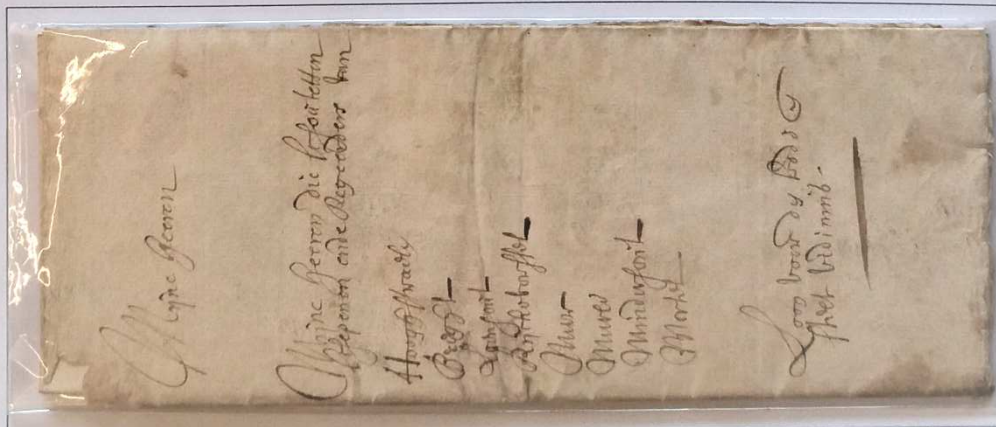
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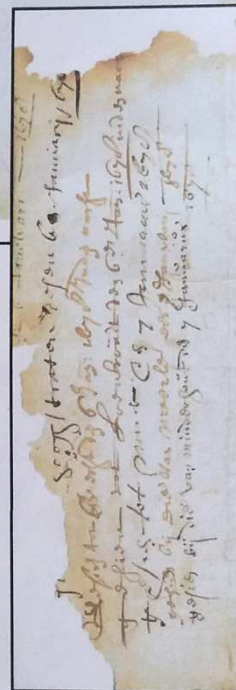
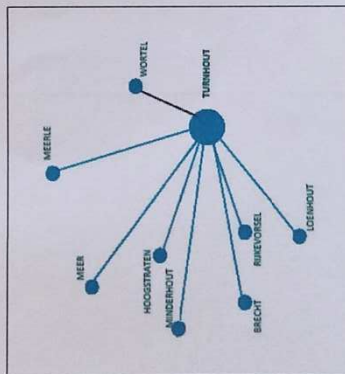


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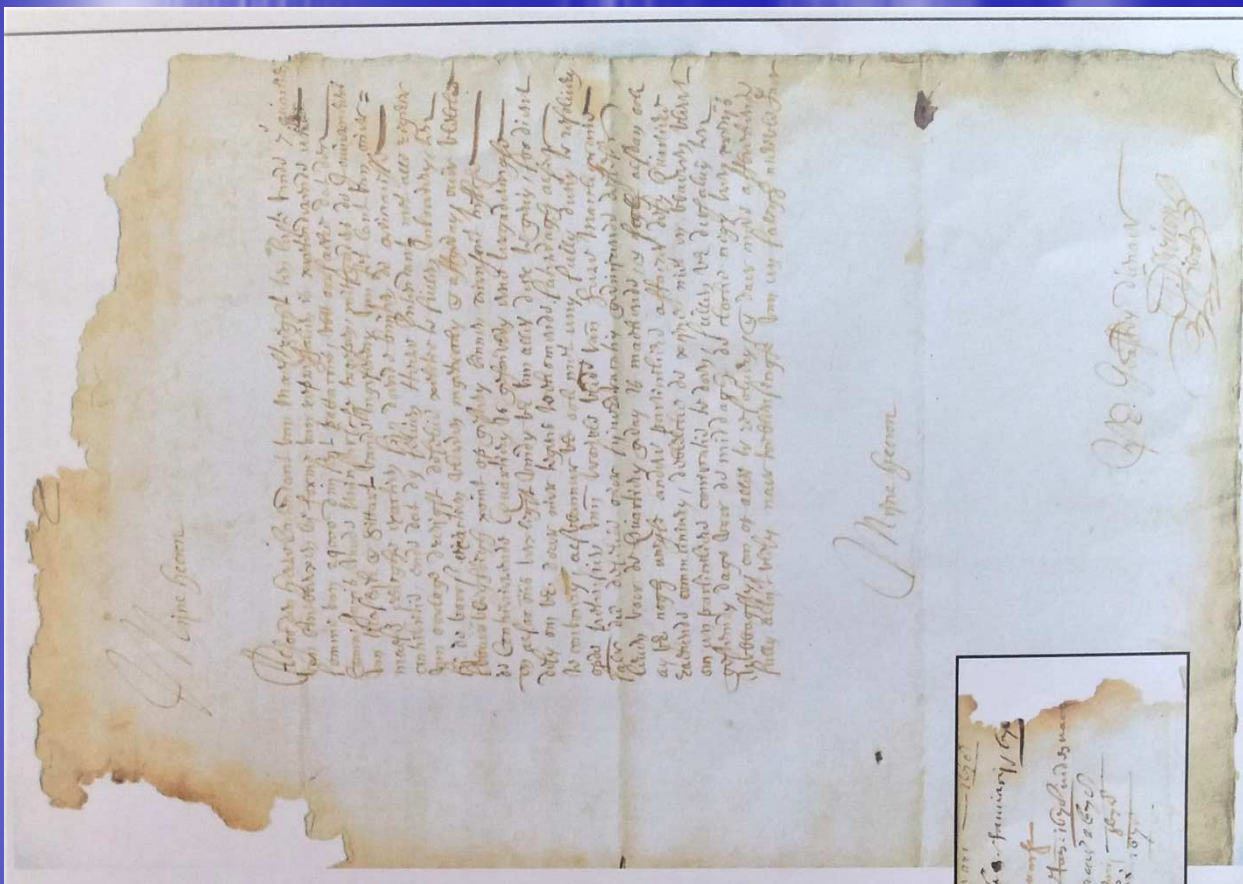
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However, the States General of Flanders (Grouping of Mayors) demanded these taxes from the postmasters and postmen, without taking into account the royal decree.

The postmen are not willing or able to pay this tax, and the States General of Flanders has turned to the Great Council of Mechelen to enforce the payments. For financial reasons, the postmen are not able to litigate against the town council; with their low wages, they cannot pay the legal costs.

They therefore submit a request to the king to forbid the town councils to turn to the Great Council of Mechelen. This request is granted by the king, and the postmen are right.

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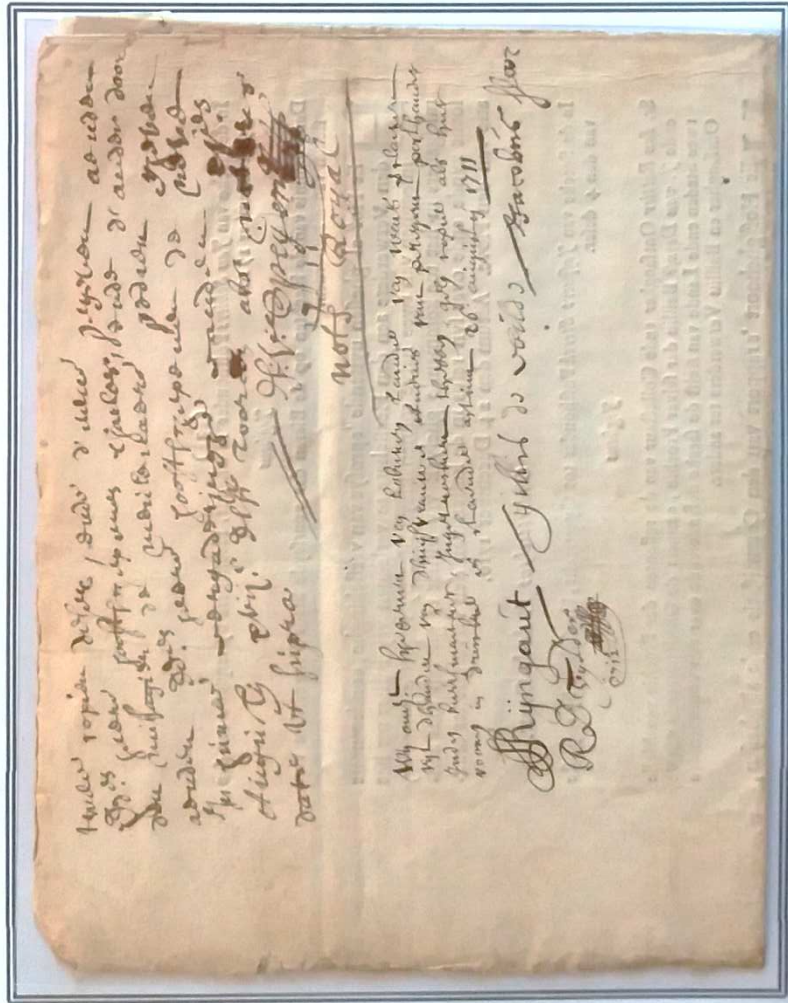
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Actum in the post office to Gendts of the 6th of August 1711.

Michel Mahieu de Collier, director of the post

On the following pages we find notes signed by these people

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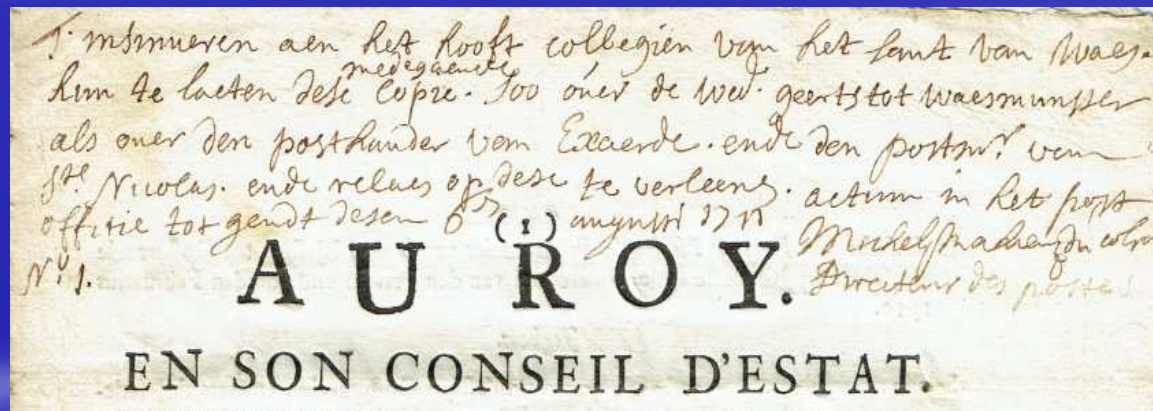
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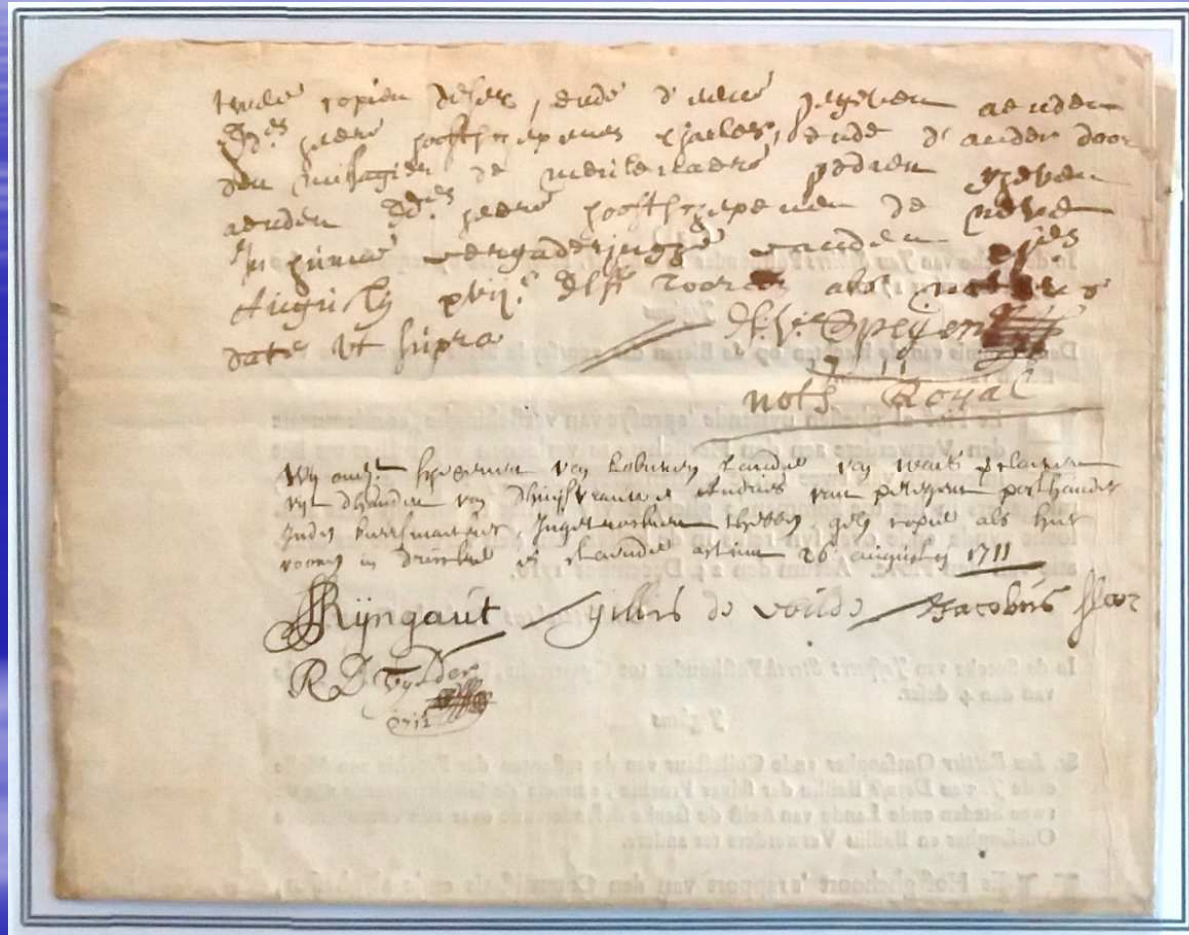
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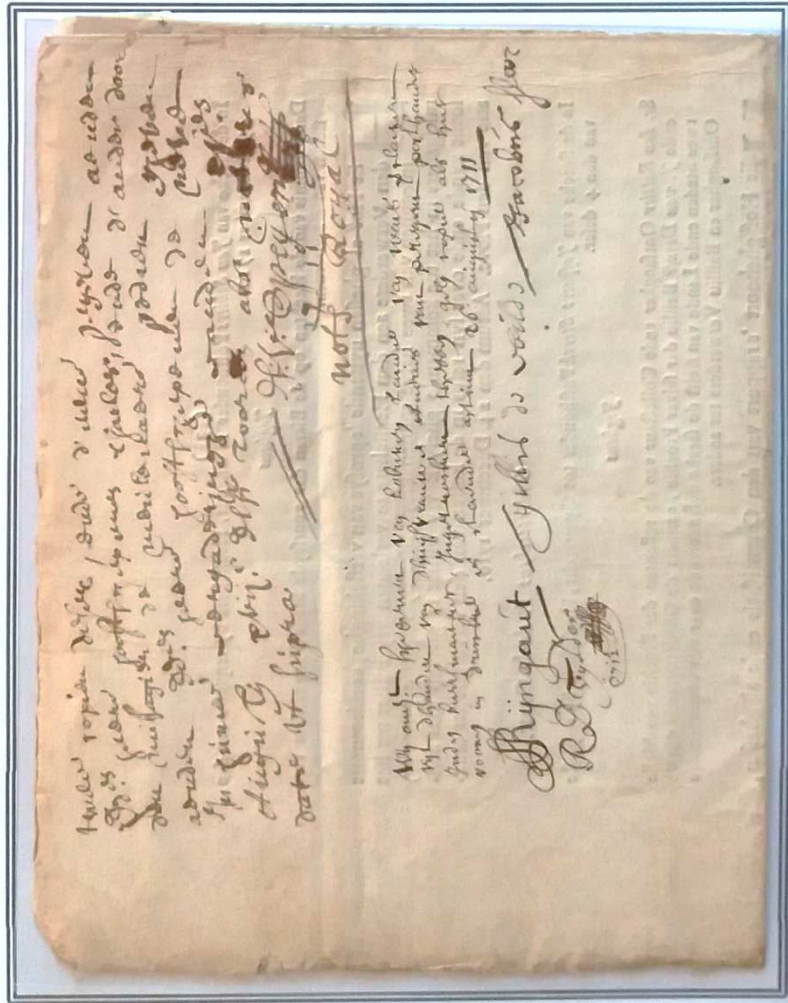
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Vrolijk Kerstfeest – Voorspoedig 2021
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Dank voor uw aandacht

Thanks for your attention.