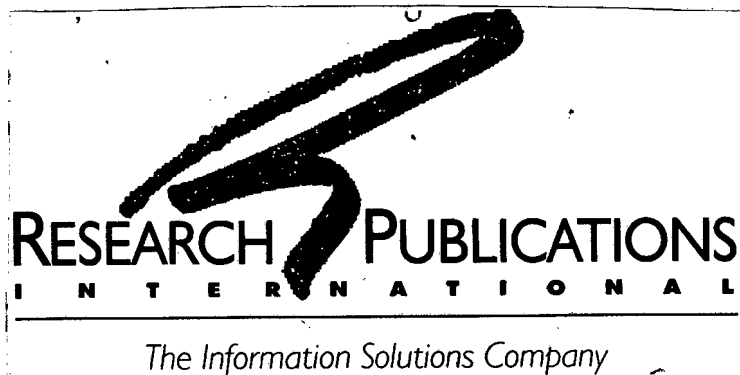


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These were the years of continual warfare in Western Europe in which political rivalries became intertwined fully with ideological and religious divisions. The main concern of the Elizabethan government was to prevent a resurgence of Spanish power in Western Europe.

During this later period the three major conflicts were:

- a) on the sea with Spain
- b) in France in order to prevent the triumph of the Catholic League in the Wars of Religion
- c) in the Low Countries where the fate of the Dutch Revolt was still undecided.

Most of the papers are in the form of correspondence from emissaries, local governors and officials in the places concerned. They were addressed primarily (until his death) to Lord Burghley but also to the Queen and to other government officials. Outgoing papers include instructions and commissions as well as letters which are interspersed with anti-government correspondence as well as letters between foreigners.

The papers as a whole illustrate a degree of anxiety similar to that which existed in domestic affairs through the revival of the aristocratic fravtion and the social and economic difficulties of the 1590s.

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