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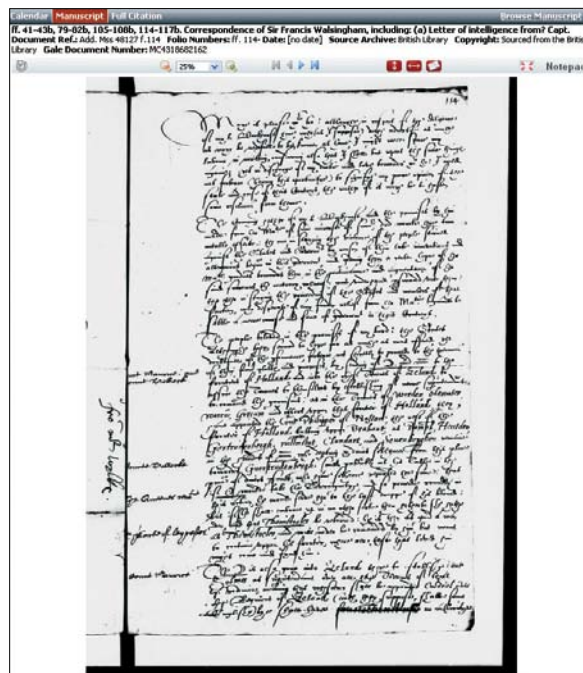
SUMMARY: *State Papers Online, Part II* is a fully searchable archive of the foreign state papers from the reign of Henry VIII through the reign of Elizabeth I. It includes all foreign state papers dealing with Ireland, Scotland, Borders and Registers of the Privy Council during the reign of the Tudors. It is a groundbreaking online resource for the study of British Early Modern History. It is the second section of the highly acclaimed four-part collection — *State Papers Online: The Government of Britain, 1509-1714*.

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A letter of intelligence from Captain Roger Williams to Sir Francis Walsingham giving an account of the Duke of Anjou's attack on Antwerp and his alliance with Spain. It is dated January 12, 1583.

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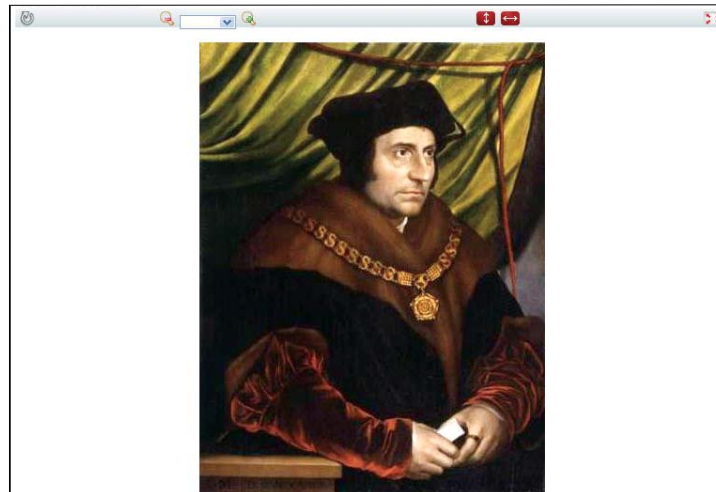
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Sir Thomas More (1478-1535) became Henry VIII's Lord Chancellor in 1529, succeeding Cardinal Wolsey. More's close relationship with the king soured when he opposed Henry's divorce from Catherine of Aragon and refused to acknowledge Henry as the head of the Church of England. He was executed for treason in 1535.