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Closing the Dutch Door

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De Briefwisseling van Anthonie Heinsius 1702–1720, ed. A. J. Veenendaal, Jr., with M. T. A. Schouten. Volume XIX: 2 Oct. 1718–22 July 1720. Rijks Geschiedkundige Publicatiën, Grote Serie vol. 247. The Hague: Institute for Netherlands History, 2001. 914 pp. NLG 164 for volume XIX; NLG 2,200 for the entire nineteen-volume series. ISBN 90-5216-116-X.

This is the nineteenth and final volume in A. J. Veenendaal's magnificent edition of the private correspondence of the Grand Pensionary of Holland, Anthonie Heinsius (1641–1720). Fully described in a previous issue of this journal (see "A Dutch Door to Europe, 1702–1720," *Documentary Editing* 19 [September 1997]: 57–61), Heinsius's correspondence has long been recognized as the single most important source for European international history during the War of the Spanish Succession and its immediate aftermath. Over the course of a thirty-three-year project, this volume completes the total of 23,274 edited letters in Dutch, French, German, and English from the period 1702–1720, published in nineteen volumes that range in size from 500 to 900 some pages. Completion of this truly monumental project was marked by an international conference, held at The Hague, 29–30 March 2001, the proceedings of which will appear under the title *Anthonie Heinsius and the Dutch Republic, 1688–1720: Politics, Finance & War*.

This final volume follows the pattern established for all the previous volumes with some additional features. Most importantly, there is a 300-page cumulative index to the 8,000 individuals, mainly diplomats, government officials, and officers in the armed forces of many different countries, mentioned in the entire nineteen-volume series, with references to the volume in which a biographical sketch is to be found, which volumes include mention of the person, and symbols to show whether the person

wrote to Heinsius or Heinsius wrote to them. This cumulative index can also be searched on the Internet website of the Institute for Netherlands History (<http://www.inghist.nl>).

An additional thirty pages of the volume is devoted to the 1720 inventory of Heinsius's estate, clearly documenting him as one of the richest men in the Dutch Republic. As a result of the Institute's administrative decision to shorten the series from the originally planned twenty volumes to nineteen, both volumes XVIII and XIX include lists of letters that were not published. These numbered 366 letters in volume XVIII and 231 in volume XIX, but the editor has carefully listed each omitted letter with a phrase summarizing its contents and its current archival reference.

Finally, there is an addendum of 56 letters from the period 1702–15 that were discovered in the course of the project, but too late to be included in the appropriate chronological volume. Several were stray items found in other archives, but most of them were found misplaced in the Heinsius Archive at the Netherlands State Archives. They have now been placed in their proper location with new archival numbers, following the original 1720 archival plan.

As an essential offshoot, the editorial project resulted in a complete review of the archival arrangement of the original documents that the General State Archives had acquired in 1887. While completing the final volumes of the series, Veenendaal took on additional responsibility in 1996 to produce a new and corrected inventory, (A. J. Veenendaal, Jr., *Inventaris van het Archief van Anthonie Heinsius, Raadpensionaris van Holland en West-Friesland [1682] 1689–1720*. Algemeen Rijksarchief Publikatiereeks nummer 9. The Hague: General State Archives, 2001). This new inventory completely replaces the inventory that B. van 't Hoff published in 1950. Veenendaal's new inventory not only reflects the new rationalization of documents within the archival system, but also replaces the vague references to "various correspondents" in the old inventory with specific names of individuals, most of whom are among those fully identified in the cumulative index of personal names in the published correspondence.

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