

## *Short Bibliography*

The following is limited to principal items or to works cited frequently in the footnotes. A few works on specific themes are mentioned in their relevant place in the footnotes and do not appear in this listing.

The most comprehensive and scholarly life of the duke is that by William Maltby, now out of print but essential for serious students. Most recent books in Spanish about the duke and the Toledo family tend to be frankly hagiographic or devoted to little more than genealogy. The best detailed survey of the family and its political role can be found in Carlos Hernando's excellent study of Pedro de Toledo's viceroyalty of Naples. For the background to Alba's role under the emperor, the recent seminal work by James Tracy fills many gaps, though it says very little about the duke himself. The background under Philip II can be approached through the biographies of the king by Geoffrey Parker (1979 and later editions) and by Kamen (1997). A satisfactory history of the Spanish army in this period has yet to be written, but some attention to one of its pioneers can be found in the recent study of Gonzalo Fernández de Córdoba by J. E. Ruiz-Domènec, *El Gran Capitán* (Barcelona 2002). The best analysis of the military forces in the Alba period is by Jan Glete, *War and the State in Early Modern Europe. Spain, the Dutch Republic and Sweden as fiscal-military states, 1500–1660* (London 2002). No other Spanish commander of the sixteenth century has been studied in detail. It is therefore difficult to set Alba within the military context of his day, though the excellent study by Léon van der Essen, *Alexandre Farnèse, prince de Parme, gouverneur général des Pays Bas (1545–1592)* (5 vols. Brussels 1933), offers scope for comparison. Information about Alba's activities in Italy is patchy. The only context that has been thoroughly studied is the Netherlands, on which a large number of fine studies, mainly in Dutch, English and French, has been published. The classic work on the Netherlands revolt is by Motley, but it regrettably remains unknown to Spanish historians and readers. Motley's wildly prejudiced but nonetheless stimulating presentation was later superseded by the great work of Pieter Geyl. The superb scholarly researches of Geoffrey Parker (on Philip II's

policies, the Spanish army and the Netherlands revolt) are essential reading, and also resume the work of other leading authorities on the subject. The unpublished thesis of Lagomarsino has been invaluable in supplying information about the prelude to the Netherlands campaign. The 1580 military campaign in Portugal, has never merited an adequate study, perhaps because no great events were experienced.

The greater part of the correspondence of the duke is accessible through the excellent volumes published by the Alba family, based principally on letters in the family archive but also providing references for papers in other places, notably the state archive at Simancas. I take this opportunity to thank the custodian of the Alba archive, Dr José Manuel Calderón, for his help and advice in consulting relevant papers in the archive of the Casa de Alba in the Palacio de Liria, Madrid. Since the duke corresponded with all the main personages of his day, there certainly remains considerable further documentation that would shed light on hitherto undocumented aspects of his career.

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