## CONTENTS

Preface	7
The 1581 Act of Abjuration and the Archives of the Dutch Revolt – Martin Berendse	11
	••
The Act of Abjuration as a Model for the	
Declaration of Independence: Thomas Jefferson	
and the Art of Imitation – Stephen E. Lucas	27
The Act of Abjuration	67
The Act of Abjuration in the National Archives	
of the Netherlands	94
The authors	96