

On 10 September left the Beggar fleet with all flat-bottomed vessels under Admiral Louis Boisot on Rotten to the north. Then they crossed the flooded countries towards the high voorweg. On this strategic place, the Spaniards had set up a ramp with guns (now approximately at the Haagse Bos-petting . In the Battle of Zoetermeer the Beggars tried on September 17 to conquer the Voorweg, but their ships ran aground in the shallow water and the vessels bursting through the recoil of the guns. Detour ... and Leiden dismayed With the help of people from the area, including shipwright Wolfert Adriaensz, the fleet made a flanking movement through the Cross by Binnenwegse Polder now Oosterheem. Then they made a hole in the Zegwaartseweg and companies of soldiers crossed the road to Zoetermeer and Benthuisen, where dozens of houses went up in flames. Also plundered the Old Church. Meanwhile, the fleet enter without meeting much resistance from the Poles Steinse Polder back and then through the Leiden Wall Wetering and the North Aa direction Leiden. On October 3, 1574 the Beggars relieve the city and salted herring could with cheese and bread are distributed to the starving population.

Jort en lars.

