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1586. April ? 58. Certificate signed by Tomas Bickley, Bishop of Chichester, of the clergy in his diocese who refuse to contribute towards the furnishing of lances for Her Majesty's service in the Low Countries.

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1586. May 2. 1. George Carlton to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Justifies his conduct in answer to the charges of the Lord Mountjoy, with relation to the manors of Canford and Pudletown. Embarrassed estate of Mountjoy.

May 2. 2. Sir James Whytney and John Garnons, justices of Herefordshire, to the Council. Report their proceedings with the Recusants for composition for their recusancy. Anth. Elton, Richard Bridges, and John Gage are reconciled in open sessions. Others have made offers, and some have not answered at all. *Inclosing,*

2 I–VIII. *Offers of several Recusants, eight in number, of the county of Hereford, to pay a composition yearly to the Queen, in discharge of their recusancy.*

May 3. 3. Brief declaration of the account of Francis Cotton, paymaster of the works at Portsmouth, for two years and 37 days, ending Apr. 3, 1586.

May 3. 4. Advertisements of preparations in Spain. Number and force of ships fitting out by King Philip, with a design to intercept Sir F. Drake. Advice to fit out a fleet of men-of-war and merchant men to aid Drake.

May 5. London. 5. Justices of Essex to the Council. Certify their proceedings for a due supply of grain at the several markets. *Inclosing,*

5. I. *Schedule of the divisions of the county of Essex into hundreds, with the names of the justices and market towns in each hundred.*

May 5. 6. "A note of such gentlemen's names as undertake the counties of Connoll and Kerry in one consort, and what number of acres they desire to occupy," forming one company headed by Sir Wm. Courtney, under Henry Ughtred, for the plantation of Munster.

May 5. Corsecourt. 7. Tho. Throkmorton, one of the justices of Gloucestershire, to Walsyngham. Information of a new outbreak of the men of Gloucester, in robbing vessels laden with corn and malt on the river Severn.

May 6. 8. The report of Edward Baeshe, Esq., general surveyor of sea victuals wherein he hath served this 40 years. Touching the victual-