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store of clapboard brought in, the collector has above 100 bonds forfeited for not bringing in any clapboard, many whereof are by poor shippers, who commonly have their beer aboard before they come to enter, and who cannot get any security; the collector has therefore either been fain to take their own bonds, or stay them until their beer was sour. Divers other persons bound for such shippers stand in danger, because there is no clapboard to be had in Zealand nor westward, and because they could not sell it when brought. Mr. Fanshaw has called upon the collector to bring such forfeited bonds into the Exchequer, whereby the poor shippers will be served with process, and driven to trouble his Lordship. Suggests that the forfeited bonds be delivered up to the parties, with a warning to take better heed how they again fall into such danger; otherwise if any hear that their neighbours are troubled, they may absent themselves from bringing victuals to London, and from fetching beer thence, to the loss of all the beer licences.

July 13. 90. Notes for a letter to be written to authorize Sir Thos. Sherley to pay the officers and bands to be sent to France under the Earl of Essex, as was done for those with Sir John Norris in Brittany. As the entertainment of 40s. a day is to be paid to Sir Roger Williams as marshal, if the same sum paid to him as lieutenant to Sir John Norris is to be discontinued, a letter should be sent to Sir Thos. Sherley to discontinue it, and another to Sir Roger Williams, to signify the same. Also a letter to Sir Roger, to forbear making warrants or commands to the Treasurer for any payments of money, after the Earl of Essex's arrival in France. [*By Maynard, Lord Burghley's clerk.*]

July 13. Prison, Esher. 91. Don P. Valdez to Christoval [Mondragon, of Antwerp castle. Thanks for favours to Mr. Winter. Hopes their continuance and the safe delivery of his letters to Winter. Begs him not to be displeased with Winter for trying to escape, he will not do the like again. Asks favour for him at his lodgings, and leave for him to take the air. Shall be treated himself with rigour, by the gentleman who has him in charge, if any is used towards Winter. [*Translation?*].

July 17. 92. Thos. Cely to [the Lord Treasurer and Lord Admiral]. Great preparations are being made for conveying away pilchards, as Coosinor and Michelet and others have been accustomed to do, and now cause others to do for them, bargaining with the fishermen, and giving money beforehand in Devonshire and Cornwall; the like provision of butter is made out of Somersetshire, all for the enemy; hopes it may be prevented in time. Coosinor caused many pilchards to be embarked last year; they were delivered on board the galleys which are now in the Straits, and do great spoil. Coosinor and Ector are evil spies.

Hopes that fishermen may be set to work, and that the Queen's subjects may have for their money before the enemy; that no fish be suffered to pass but by licence, and that certificates be returned from the places to which they were licensed to be transported;