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to Rye, where Hen. Gaymer, controller of customs, will bring before him four prisoners lately sent from Dieppe. First, Emanuel Andrada, a gentleman of Don Antonio's, who offered to do Her Majesty secret service, but was suspected of designs against her; he is first to be dealt civilly with, and then threatened, to induce him in fear of his life to disclose the truth; also his letters and papers are to be examined through Dr. Lopez. The second, John Semple, a Scot, must be examined about rebels and fugitives, and his connexions in England and Scotland. The other two, being Portuguese, must be examined by Botello's directions. [1½ *pages.*]

Aug. 3. 124. Opinion of Sir John Hawkins and Wm. Borough, touching a grant to be made to a company of merchants, for the exclusive trade of the Turkish and Venetian dominions within the Mediterranean seas. Think it necessary that as many merchants and others of ability as have traded into those parts and desire it shall be of the company, so that their stock may be the greater, and shipping of greater force may be employed in fleets together, the better to defend themselves in these dangerous times. The traffic into Turkey and the Turkish dominions should be maintained in one joint stock, and the consul or agent in every place order the business with discretion, otherwise every merchant by his factor may have liberty to deal at his and their pleasure, which would breed confusion.

As to the traffic into the Venetian dominions, think it not needful that the company should be tied to one joint stock, but use their trade at their liberty, as has been customary, but so as that the Turkish dominions be thoroughly supplied with such a stock as the countries will bear. The owners of ships employed in those voyages should be allowed to lay in, as a stock to relieve their ship with victuals and other needful things, merchandise amounting to 10*s.* a ton on the ship's burden, and if ought thereof shall remain good at their lading port, they may employ the same in merchandise, to return in the ship, paying freight for it. The master and mariners employed in such voyages should be allowed to carry in merchandise for themselves, so much in value as their wages for the voyage amounts to, provided always that it be not pesterable, nor exceed in bulk so much in tonnage as the wages of the party for the voyage, compared with the freightage, amount to, and that they pay freight. Much may be said pro and con, but if it is appointed to be heard before a committee, it may be reduced and set down in such a manner as to pass in the grant. [1¾ *pages.*]

Aug. 4. 125. Note that certain merchandise and arms mentioned, brought in by John Armorer, are worth 321*l.* 1*s.*, out of which 112*l.* 0*s.* 2*d.* was paid for setting forth the Scotch ship from London, rewarding her company and others at Portsmouth, and paying various charges to Armorer, Holmes, and others, for bringing the goods to London, &c.; leaving a balance due to Her Majesty of 209*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.*, from which 147*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.* is to be deducted for provisions delivered to the officers of the Tower; balance remaining with Sir John Hawkins 61*l.* 19*s* 6*d.* Endorsed [*by Burghley*], "To Abbeville with coals."