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the goods were seized by virtue of letters of reprisal, these can not hold good against Italians, as being Her Majesty's friends, and therefore though the goods were first declared prize, then ordered to be put into safe custody till the issue was known, and then some of them delivered to Hall and Howell, on their petition, they ought now to make good all spoils committed thereon. [4 *pages.*]

104. II. *Particulars of the demands by procuration of Philip Corsini, for certain goods mentioned, belonging to Italians and others named, captured as prize. With marginal notes in answer to such demands, by Wm. Hall and Jno. Howell, who contend that Corsini is not entitled to some of the goods mentioned, by reason of their being the property of the subjects of the King of Spain.* [2¾ *pages.*]

104. III. *William Hall and John Howell, on behalf of themselves and others interested in goods landed more than a year ago at Perin* [*or Penrhyn*], *to Lord Burghley. Have sustained great loss, by the unjust vexations of Philip Corsini, a man known to be troublesome. He demanded almost all the said goods, supposing them to belong to Her Majesty's friends, whereas they were Spaniards' goods, assured by Florentines, by which practice, if it had taken effect, he would have protected all Spaniards' goods, in the name of Florentines. A Florentine was supposed to be interested in a third part of some of such goods, the rest belonging to Spaniards, yet he produced a procuration for the whole parcel, in the Florentine's name. By some other procurations, he claims goods in the names of factors, being Florentines, although belonging to Spaniards. This dealing deserves sharp punishment, and no favour; he has produced* 23 *procurations, whereof there are not three perfect, nor one sufficient in law; and knowing that the writers have disbursed great sums which continue at interest for the goods, and that they are hindered by these suits in their other affairs, he uses all the frivolous delays possible to weary them out. Most of the goods were sentenced to the supplicants by the Court of Admiralty, and were ordered by his Lordship and the Lord Admiral to be delivered to them, and they have since discovered and proved more of the goods to be the goods of Spaniards; as these are daily decaying, beseech their delivery, on bond to answer any lawful foreign claim for any of them; if any such goods appear to belong to any of Her Majesty's friends, beg his Lordship's order that the same may be delivered accordingly, and that the writers may enjoy the residue.*

Dec. ? 105. John Barcroft to [Sir Robt. Cecil]. Has truly answered every article he set down, as also told what he knows of any Papists. Beseeches compassion; neither love of Popery nor a dis-