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mitted his treasonous action, Mr. Valentine Brown, Mr. Cope, and examinate were together at Croke's ordinary, when the Earl passed through Paul's towards Cheapside. Cope and Vaughan declared to those present how the Earl was come into the city with 200 or 300 gentlemen, and published that he should have been murdered that night by Lord Cobham and Sir Walter Raleigh. Asked in what sort they came; Cope replied in their doublets and hose, with their rapiers in one hand and a pistol in the other. Said he marvelled that in a civil government, they would come in that sort, being Sunday. Mr. Vaughan, of Herefordshire, and two gentlemen then coming in, reported that the Earl and gentlemen were coming through Ludgate; said that the Earl never feared any man, and had no cause now to fear, being so guarded, and his enemies behind him, and therefore it was apparent that it was rather against the State than against them; called for his cloak and rapier, and said he would go to the Court, for this was not intended against Lord Cobham and Sir Walter Raleigh, but against Her Majesty; they told him he would not get in, for one of them had sent his man to the Court, and he could not get nearer than Charing Cross. Replied that he was sure he should get in, as he was Her Majesty's sworn servant. Mr. Wm. Masham, being then present, said that he was my Lord of Essex's man, and having cast off his gown, his cloak and rapier were brought to him, whereupon examinate went towards Court, and Mr. Masham towards the Earl, his master.

With note by Dr. Julius Cæsar and Wm. Waad, that the examination was acknowledged by Woodhouse as true, 17 Feb. 1602. [3 *pages.*]

Oct. 16. Plymouth Fort. 15. Sir John Gilbert to Cecil. Though my ship, for want of provisions and water, could not bring home the horses as expected, she has brought home silks, having taken a Brazil vessel, with porcelain and other wares. I wish you, being interested therein, to have your choice of all in the ship, but to write to Mr. Stallenge that I may be well used in the division. I want some of the silks myself. They took in the ship a whole college of Jesuits, and have brought some of them home. If you like to have a part in my ship, I am most willing. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Oct. 20. 16. Sec. Cecil to Thos. Windebank, clerk of the Signet. I desire that this may be written to the Signet and Privy Seal, by one that shall both keep it private and use expedition, for which they shall be well considered. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

Oct. 22. 17. Examination of William Gresham before Lord Treasurer Buckhurst. On 8 Feb. last, saw William Masham against the door of Sheriff Smythe's, among the troop of the Earl of Essex, with rapier in hand, and in his doublet and hose, Sir John Heydon and others of the Earl's troop being all in their doublets and hose, and rapiers drawn. The Earl of Essex came forth out of Sheriff Smythe's house, and said to the people, "Masters, this is the day wherein I must fight for my life, and for you of the city; therefore I pray you