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July 30. Richmond. 26. The Council to the Sheriff, justices of the peace, and gentlemen of Northumberland. The Scots, besides the inroads lately made by them in the East and Middle Marches, have invaded the Borders about Cornell, spoiled divers towns and villages, and taken prisoners, which you might have prevented, if provided for in time. You are therefore, with servants and weapons, to be ready to defend the Borders against the Scots, on order of the Lord Wharton, lord warden. [½ *page, draft.*]

[July.] 27. The Council to Lord Wharton. We learn, from your letters to the Earl of Shrewsbury of the 26th instant, the obstinate ill demeanour of some of the men of Northumberland, who, notwithstanding warnings, come not as commanded. Remembering the King and Queen's travail to reduce them to good agreements, and the small fruits, we think it best to devise some person who may establish concord and further the service. Knowing you tender the good of the Commonwealth more than your own commodity, we doubt not but you will gladly consent that the Earl of Northumberland be joined with the Commissioners for the East and Middle Marches as joint warden.

The Queen's reasons for this are that thus all the inhabitants, some of whom are malicious to you, will serve together. In time of war there have commonly been two wardens, and you, having charge of Berwick, are hardly able to defend both Marches. Lord Northumberland is your friend, and willing to join with and be advised by you. This conjunction will bring all to obedience. We write thus to you that you may know that the Queen's sole intent is the surety of the frontiers. [3½ *pages, draft.*]

Endorsed, "Not sent."

Aug. 1. 28. The Queen to Lord Wharton. We have signified to you by letters of Council our pleasure that the Earl of Northumberland should be joined with you in the office of the wardenry, and we now send him with our commission under the Great Seal to that effect, not doubting but that as it is done only to advance our service, you will accept it according to our meaning, and use him as becomes his estate. [1¼ *pages, draft.*]

Aug. 5. 29. The Queen to Sir James Crofts. Whereas we have appointed the Earl of Northumberland to have charge of the East and Middle Marches, and Lord Wharton of the town and castle of Berwick, we desire you to repair to the Earl at his coming, and give him your best advice, and continue with him unless the Scots should besiege Berwick, in which case you are to repair thither and use your best foresight for its defence. [¾ *page, draft.*]

Aug. 7. Auckland. 30. Cuthbert Bishop of Durham to the Queen. Your letters of 1 Aug. order us to levy such forces, especially horse, as we can, for defence of the Borders; this had been previously done, the Scots daily burning in the borders of Northumberland, contrary to their pro-