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Oct. 6. 4. Examination of John Somerfeld (or Somervyle) in the Tower. His dealings with Harry Goodyere, at Coventry, who had been in the Tower for the Queen of Scots' sake, and that she gave him the buttons of gold he wore on his cap and doublet. Persecution of the Catholics by Queen Elizabeth. His knowledge of Nedame, a priest.

Oct. 6. 5. Names of Commissioners meet to be trusted with the survey and repairs of certain forts in Essex, Kent, the Isle of Sheppey, Dorset, Isle of Wight, Devon, and Cornwall.

Oct. [6.] 6. The Council to Lord Cobham, Lord Warden. Her Majesty having care that all her castles and forts on the sea coast shall be surveyed, he is directed to view and report on all the castles and forts within the Cinque Ports, and prepare an estimate of all repairs necessary, and of the ordnance and munitions required.

Oct. 8. Rye. 7. Substance of the controversy between John Mercer and Robert Jackson, of Rye: with copy of letter from Robert Carpenter, Mayor of Rye, and Henry Gaymer, Jurat of Rye, to Lord Cobham, as arbitrators indifferently chosen, finding that one John Piers, a felon, had been set at liberty by Mr. Jackson, then Mayor, without trial, and that Mercer had been lamentably ill used by the felon and his accomplices.

Oct. 9. Lewisham. 8. Lady Margery Throkmorton to Francis or Thomas Throkmorton. Has spoken with Owen, Mr. Talbot's man, who recommends her son Thomas to go to Lady Arundel, at Arundel Castle, who would obtain a passage by ship for him.

Oct. 10. Oatlands. 9. Safe conduct granted by the Queen to Edmund Auncell, Richard Thompson, and others, for the ship named the Unity, going to Algiers to redeem captives. Latin.

10. Fair copy of the preceding.

Oct 11. Sheffield. 11. Earl of Shrewsbury to the Council. Has mustered the lances and light horse of the county of Derby, but has delayed to send the certificate, as he hopes to increase the present proportion.

Oct 12. Stafford. 12. A declaration of the proceedings of Ralph Higgens, signed by several persons, of whom only John Hamersley and Thomas Doryngton can be fairly distinguished. Almost illegible.

Oct. 20. Bury. 13. Commissioners of Musters for the county of Suffolk to Burghley. Certify their proceedings in the musters. The people generally are content to bear the charge of the musters, but the horses and geldings mustered are for the most part very unfit and very unable for the service. *Inclosing,*

13. I. *Certificate of the view and general muster of lances and light horsemen in seven Hundreds of the county of Suffolk.*

Oct. 20. Hertford. 14. Same for the county of Hertford to Lord Hunsdon. Have mustered all the lances and light horsemen of the county. Have