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1587.  
Jan. 8. 8. Sir F. Walsyngham to Lord Burghley. Beseeches him to give  
Barn Elms. ear to Mr. Soothacke, his chaplain, relative to the severe measures  
of the Vice-Chancellor against Mr. Harryson and others of Trinity  
College, Cambridge.
- Jan. 9. 9. Mons. Nau to Walsyngham. Thanks him for his favorable  
London. answer to his petition: touching the answering of the money found  
in his possession. French.
- Jan. 9. 10. "Micaell Modye his confession in the afternone the 9 January  
1586." Touching his conferences with Des Trappes and the French  
Ambassador for taking away the life of Queen Elizabeth, either by  
gunpowder or by poisoning her stirrup or her shoe, or some other  
Italian device.
- Jan. 10. 11. Davison to Tho. Phelippes. Has orders from the Queen to  
Ely House. send expressly for him. He is therefore to attend without fail and  
to bring with him the French Ambassador's pacquets to be delivered  
up to him, first letting Burghley and Davison see them as to the  
state they are in.
- Jan. 10. 12. Wm. Herlle to Burghley. His opinion as to the fleet pre-  
Greenwich. paring at Dunkirk, which might be for some dangerous sudden  
action. Importance of Flushing and other towns in Flanders.  
Possibility of an attempt to land at Greenwich and seize Her  
Majesty's person. Defence of the realm. Offer of Christopher Cole  
to blockade Dunkirk haven with three ships. Necessity for a better  
understanding with Denmark. The French Ambassador storms  
wonderfully at the stay of his packet and some of his train.
- Jan. 10. 13. Orders and directions given by the Marquis of Winchester  
and the Earl of Sussex for the defence of the county of South-  
ampton. Musters and training the forces of the shire and provision  
of money for supply of armour and shot.
- Jan. 11. 14. The Countess of Bedford's declaration of the assurances for  
her jointure; with the answer of the Countess to certain surmises  
touching the sale of the goods belonging to the late Earl of Bedford  
at Chenies and Woburn.
- Jan. 11. 15. "The true foundation and manner of the horrible treason,"  
or William Stafford's account of his dealings with Mons. Bellievre,  
the French Ambassador, Des Trappes, his secretary, and one Michael  
Modye, in a conspiracy to kill Queen Elizabeth. Conferences be-  
tween Stafford and the Ambassador, Des Trappes introduced by  
Stafford to Modye in Newgate. Discussion whether to kill the  
Queen by poison or by laying a train of gunpowder where she lieth.  
Discovery of the whole plot, by Stafford, to Walsyngham.
- Jan. 12. 16. Abstract of the above, with marginal notes in Burghley's  
hand.
- Jan. 12. 17. Notes of the speeches between Mr. Stafford and Des Trappes  
touching the plot for the murder of the Queen.