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Desires directions for preventing the spread of false news as the escape of the Queen of Scots from Fotheringay, &c. *Incloses,*

12. 1. *Examinations of John Doe and Richard Buckley, found in the house of Mr. Yeates at Lyfford. Both confess to hearing mass and of being reconciled to Rome when Campion was at Lyfford. Popish relics found in their possession.*

Feb. 6. 13. Examination of William Bellinger, taken before Sir Owyn Hopton. His conversation with Alex. Payne, a goldsmith's boy, near the Tower, about the reported escape of Mary Queen of Scots, of her re-capture, and that she had broken one of her arms. General opinion that she would not be put to death.

Feb. 6. 14. Examination of Alex. Payne, on the report of the escape of the Queen of Scots.

Feb. 6. 15. Certificate from the Mayor and Jurats of New Romney to Lord Cobham. That there are no ships, captains, or mariners belonging to their town.

Feb. 6. 16. Certificate of all the ships, barks, &c., with their names, burdens, and the names of the captains and mariners, belonging to the town of Rye.

Feb. 6. 17. Mrs. Elizabeth Bowrne to Sir John Conway. Has been so brave as to perform a voyage to London, but dares not show her head, as matters are so vehemently incensed against her. Has been advised to keep out of the way. Has powerful friends and enemies among the nobility, but is greatly bound to Sir Geo. Peckham, Sir James Mervin, and Tom Drury.

Feb. 7. 18. Memorial of public business in Burghley's hand. The Parliament, musters, Ireland; Recusants in certain counties to be restrained.

Feb. 7. 19. Earl of Leycester to Burghley. Considers that he has received hard dealing at his hands in being called upon to deliver a particular account to Her Majesty, and to him, of all the expenditure during his government in the Low Countries, which is more the province of an auditor or clerk than one in his high position. Had given the fullest explanation in his power to Her Majesty. Is grieved to have met with this usage at Burghley's hands, as he had fully reckoned upon his assured love and friendship.

Feb. 7. 20. Copy of the preceding.

Feb. 7. 21. Certificate of the corn presented within Caistor Sessions, in the county of Lincoln, of the number of acres of land sown with grain, and the amount of corn sold to foreigners, yet undelivered.

Feb. 8. 22. Certificate of all ships, barks, &c., with their names, burdens, captains, and mariners, belonging to the town of Lydd.