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white cloths mentioned in the bill of the clothiers; but desire that they may not be constrained upon every light complaint of the clothiers, to the hindrance of their trade.

Feb. 12.

36, 37. Remembrances for the Lords of the Council, from the Marquis of Winchester and the other lieutenant of the shire, relative to the defences of the county of Southampton and town of Portsmouth. Necessity of strengthening the defence of Browne's Down and Stokes Bay, where a thousand ships might lie, and land at one instant 30,000 men. Works at Portsmouth. [*In duplicate, with the part about Portsmouth cut off in one copy.*]

Feb. 12.

38. A memorial for the Lord Treasurer, for the defences of Hampshire and Portsmouth, nearly as above.

Feb. 12.

39. Mr. Baeshe's remembrance to the Lord Treasurer, of the expenditure of the sum imprested to him for victualling the Navy, and desiring a further supply.

Feb. 13.

Crediton.

40. George Gale to Lord Ch. Bromley and Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Charges against John Easton retainer of Sir John Arundell, for refusing to attend the parish church of Morehard Episcopi and for certain dangerous speeches. Prays that all treacherous practices and wicked conspiracies may evermore be discovered. *Incloses,*

40. I. *The depositions of certain persons against John Easton. His non-attendance at church. His seditious speeches and drinking to the health of King Philip.*

Feb. 13.

41. Walsyngham to Lord Burghley. It appears by the French King's letters that he dealeth honorably and kindly with Her Majesty; and therefore it is expedient the Ambassador were received by degrees into grace Beseeches Burghley to use all means to remove Her Majesty's heavy displeasure from Mr. Secretary Davidson.

Feb. 15.

Oxford.

42. Certificate of the supply of grain in the market towns within the Hundred of Wootton, co. Oxford.

Feb. 16.

43. Proportion of powder, lead, and match to be sent into the Maritime counties, at the rate of one pound each sort per man for six days, and cast-iron ordnance for the said counties.

Feb. 16.

44. Clauses to be added to the orders appointed for putting the forces of the realm in readiness: as to firing the beacons, and repair of the trained bands to certain points in case of alarm.

Feb. 16.

45. Elegy by George Whetstones on "Sir Philip Sydney, his honorable life, his valiaunt death and true vertues; a perfect mirror for the followers both of Mars and Mercury, who (in the right hardie breakinge upon the ennemy by a few of the English, being for the most part gentlemen of honor and name)