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chosen as officers for the field. The Justices of Peace desire to be excused from the finding of petronels. The county is not able to furnish the 1,000 men required, but offer to furnish 400 footmen and 60 horse.

April 6.
Bath.

5. Earl of Leicester to Walsyngham. In favour of Count Culenbourg. Great decay of trade, and distress in the country. Bristol, Hampton, and other of the best towns are fast falling to decay. Measures must be taken for the revival of trade. Great credit is due to the clothiers, who keep many of the poor on work, to their own loss.

April 6.
Greenwich.

6. Charles Lord Howard to Burghley. The charges of the Navy grow very great. Desires payment of 2,000*l.* to Mr. Hawkyns. Has given order for a great quantity of cordage and canvas.

April 6.

7. Memorial of things resolved on in Council touching depredations committed against French and English merchants. Directions to the Judge of the Admiralty in causes of piracy and detention. Letters to be written to Sir Ric. Greynvile.

April 6.

8, 9. Survey of the Dikes about the works and fortifications now in hand on the north side of the town of Portsmouth. [*In duplicate.*]

April 6.

10. Richard Charnock, Sheriff of Bedfordshire, to the Council. Sends certificates of the Justices for the stay of the dearth of grain. *Incloses,*

10. *I. Certificate by Ralph Astry, Richard Conquest, and Chr. Hoddesdon, of rates and orders for provision of grain and relief of the poor within the three Hundreds of Munshed, Flett, and Redbornestoke. 15th February.*

April 6.
Bath.

11. Earl of Leicester to Lord Burghley. The Earl of Warwick and Sir Wm. Pelham have received benefit from the waters of Bath. Leicester himself cannot yet say any good of it; he is always worse the day he goes into the bath. Great decay of the towns and distress of the people from want of work.

April 7.
London.

12. Sir Tho. Pullyson, John Bodleigh, and Hugh Offley to Walsyngham. Their opinions concerning some meet place for vent of the northern and western cloths in the parts beyond seas. Recommend Guernsey and Jersey for that purpose.

April 7.
Portsmouth.

13. Earl of Sussex to Burghley. Report on the progress of the works at Portsmouth. 400*l.* sent to Mr. Cotton out of the new warrant. Report, by a Frenchman arrived from Rouen and Newhaven, that the King of Spain was making a huge army for England, but they were not yet ready. Desires that the artificers may be sent to complete the works at Portsmouth.

April 8.
Portsmouth.

14. Same to Walsyngham. Desires to purchase the two leases of the farm and lands called Morralls. Requests that the artificers of