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the Tower may be sent down to Portsmouth. Spanish preparations. The vicarage of Tichfield is vacant, and in Burghley's gift, by the minority of the Earl of Southampton.

April 8.

15. John Popham, Att. General, to Walsyngham. Has dealt with Mr. Webbe touching the venting of cloths, and opening a trade to Muscovy. The trade to Turkey to be encouraged. The action for Ireland is so discouraged, that if he does not take a journey westward he fears it will be much quailed.

April 8.

16. Certificate of Nathaniel Bacon, High Sheriff of Norfolk, touching the proceedings of the Justices for relief of the scarcity of grain. General abstract of the returns from the several hundreds and market towns, with the prices of grain.

April 9.

17. The Council to Sir Fr. Drake. Causes of setting out the fleet under his command. Information that the preparations of the King of Spain were not so great. Overtures from King Philip for settling the differences between the two kingdoms; and therefore Her Majesty desires Drake to confine his operations to the capture of ships on the open sea, and to forbear entering any of the ports or havens of Spain, or to do any act of hostility on land.

April 10.
Colt's Hall.

18. George Colt, Sheriff of Suffolk, to the Council. Transmits certificates from the Justices of Peace for stay of the dearth of corn. *Incloses,*

18. I. *Certificate made by Arthur Hopton, Bassingborne Gawdy, and Tho. Colby, of the grain remaining in the Hundreds of Wangford, Mutford, and Lothingland, in Suffolk. 18 Feb.*

18. II. *Certificate of corn in the Hundreds of Hoxne and Hartismere, with the prices of the same; signed by Sir Nicholas Bacon, Bassingborne Gawdy, and John Thruston. 21 Feb.*

18. III. *Certificate by the Justices of Peace within the franchise of Bury of the prices of grain during the month past in the several market towns. 27 March.*

April 10?

19. The Council of the Marches of Wales to Lord Chanc. Bromley. Detail of the case of William Mathew, a justice of peace, accused of murder, who had refused to appear on alleged ill health, but who had immediately gone off to London to avoid the due course of justice, and had insinuated partiality against the Lord President. *Inclosing,*

19. I. *Information by the Queen's Attorney of the Court of Wales against William Mathew and others, accused of the murder of Roger Phillips at Cardiff fair. March 10?*