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1587.

visions. Great preparations made by King Philip for the invasion of England. Intends, by God's help, to intercept their supplies.—P.S. Urges England to be prepared strongly, and most of all by sea. Stop him now, and stop him ever.

April 27.
Elizabeth
Bonadventure.

47. Drake to Mr. Secretary Wolley. Narrates their success in Cadiz Road over the Spanish galleys. Intends to intercept the fleet coming out of the Straits before it joins the King's forces. Great preparations are making for the invasion of England, but what has been performed will breed great alterations. Urges him to prepare for the worst.

April 26.
[Paris.]

48. 2 [Gilbert Gifford] to Phelippes (?). Has, according to his wishes, repaired to Paris. Wishes to settle with Mr. Waad for some mode of correspondence. The "Old Man" is not now to be depended on, nor the English Ambassador. Transactions between Dr. Gifford, Nau, and Throgmorton. Morgan is labouring with Cordaillot. Allen, Parsons, Owen, and other, lend all their force for the King of Spain, and Don Bernadino openly calls him King of England. Morgan intendeth a seminary in Scotland, &c. [*A great part in cypher.*]

April 27.

49. Copy and decypher of the above, by Phelippes, or of some letter of the same date, to some other person, containing other passages than in the above.

April ?

50. Another decypher, by Phelippes, containing many passages of the above. Has talked much with Morgan, who greatly desires to continue for the King of Scots that which he had begun for the the mother. Division between him and Dr. Allen. Morgan intends to found a seminary in Scotland, whereof Dr. Gifford should be Principal. Wants an apt correspondent for Rome, &c.

April 28.

51. William Mathew to Lord Burghley. Describes the lamentable state of Wales through the misgovernment of the Lord President and Council. A temperate, prudent, and learned judge is required, not a great and mighty lord to terrify. Evil effects of the Commission of Oyer and Terminer. *Incloses,*

51. I. *The manner of proceeding in the Commission of Oyer and Terminer, with the effects it "worketh."* [*Similar in substance to the paper of April 15.*]

April 28.

52. Certificate of the Justices of Peace, directed to John Fleetwood, now Sheriff of Lancaster, of the order taken for stay of the dearth of grain in the hundred of Blackburn, Lancaster.

April 28.

53. Petition of the Flemish Merchants to the Council. Praying that sentence may be stayed in the Court of Exchequer in the suit of Edward Bodye, an informer, against Charles Van Peene, a Flemish merchant, for bringing pins into England from the Netherlands.