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Aug. 4. Warwick. 25. Deputy Lieutenants of Warwickshire to the Earl of Warwick. They have sent up the 100 horsemen levied in that shire. Hope he will approve of the horses, and they request Mr. Turvile, the muster master, may return to them. *Inclosing,*

25. I. *Certificate of the names of the gentlemen who furnished the* 100 *horsemen sent by them to the camp.*

Aug. 4. The Rainbow, Margate Road. 26. Lord H. Seymour to Walsyngham. Desires Mr. Nicholas Gorges may be re-called on account of ill health, and Mr. Tho. Knevet be appointed in his room. Has informed Justinianus de Nassau of their late conflicts and promised to assist him with the next favorable wind. Prays God may continue these violent and stormy winds to the further distressing of the Spaniards.

Aug. 4. The Nonparelia. 27. Thomas Fenner to same. The encounter on the 29th July; the Almighty hath stricken the enemy with a wonderful fear. The want of powder, shot, and victuals has hindered much service. The Spanish fleet had been followed beyond the 55th degree of latitude, two hundred and thirty leagues from the coast. Return of the English ships to the Frith in Scotland to relieve their wants of water and provisions. Two pinnaces have followed the Spanish fleet beyond the Orkneys. Intense distress of the Spanish fleet. God hath mightily protected Her Majesty's forces, not above 60 men have been lost in all the encounters. Have returned with a north-west wind to the North Foreland. Since writing his letter the wind has changed to south-west, and so great a storm so that the Spanish fleet cannot seize either England, Ireland, Scotland, Flanders, nor the Out Isles of Scotland. Many will never see Spain again.

Aug. 4. 28. Note of munition, powder and ordnance sent out from Portsmouth by the Earl of Sussex, for the better furnishing of Her Majesty's Navy, and to be distributed by the Lord High Admiral.

Aug. 4. 29. Note of powder appointed to be had out of the merchants' ships returned from Stade, taken to the Tower by Sir Robert Constable, Lieutenant of the Ordnance.

Aug. 4. 30. List of counties which were required to stay and return the forces levied in them, and of the numbers to be continued in certain shires.

Aug. 5. Blandford. 31. Deputy Lieutenants of Dorset to the Council. Through the persuasion of Sir John Norreys they have changed their light horses into lances, and have sent them up under the charge of Ralph Horsey and Tho. Hussey, with the association of Capt. Strange.

Aug. 5. Northampton. 32. Note of the sums of money collected in the East Division of the county of Northampton, for coat and conduct money, and other necessaries for Her Majesty's last service.