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1592. In April 1591, the ship of Peter de Hody, merchant of Bayonne, returning from Newfoundland, laden with 108,000 dry fish, 4,000 green, and 14 hogsheads of train oil, total value 6,000 crowns, was taken by a ship of war appointed by Sir Walter Raleigh, and brought to Uphill, near Bristol; and though Peter de Hody obtained letters from Madame, sister of the French King, to Her Majesty, for its recovery, and sent two men, who have been continual suitors these eight months, and spent 500 crowns, they were fain to leave off their suit and return to France to save their lives, being threatened by the owners and victuallers of the said ship of war, rich merchants in Bristol, who have received the proceeds of the merchandise, and still withhold the ship.

Martin de Crutchette and Matthew Dollines, also burgesses of Bayonne, in Dec. 1590, freighted a ship with pitch, linen, &c., worth 1,000 French crowns, which was also taken by an English ship of war, commanded by Capt. John Austin, of Southampton. Martin Daguerre, last December, had a ship laden with 200,000 dry fish shot at by two other English ships, and was constrained to put into the port of Bayonne, so damaged that he was forced to relade the fish in another hulk; this was taken by three other English ships, and brought to Bristol, where it was sold, together with the fish, by the captains, owners, and victuallers of such ships of war, viz., Capt. Robt. Johnson, Capt. Wm. Fletcher, Hump. Lovell, and Sam. Lovell, owners and victuallers, dwelling at Bristol; the loss to Daguerre is 7,000 crowns, besides what he has spent in attempting its recovery, having kept a man in England at great charge ever since, by means whereof he is utterly undone.

The Elizabeth Bonaventure, and Dudley, English men-of-war, took a ship from Martin de Haurgues, of St. Jean de Luz, laden with 15,000 dry fish and 60 hogsheads of train oil, together with her victuals, clothes, and apparel of 48 men, (whom they spoiled to their shirts,) to the value of 4,000*l.*; the ship was sold at Milford, by order of the Lord Treasurer and Lord Admiral, and the proceeds received by Captains Cross and Thynne, and Carew Raleigh, captains of the men-of-war. De Haurgues, with two of his brethren, have been suitors in England for eight months past, and spent upwards of 200*l.* in attempting to recover it. By reason of these losses, the persons and goods of the English merchants trafficking at Bayonne are liable to damage, unless, by their Lordships' means, the poor spoiled merchants are satisfied. There are other losses, amounting to 50,000 crowns, referred to in the processes made by the Sieur of Ilhère, which their Lordships are solicited to peruse.

June 6. 45. Thos. Windebank to Mr. Lake, clerk of the Signet, at Sheriff Ryder's house, or to Mr. Kerry, clerk of the Privy Seal, at Mr. Best's house, Fleet Street. Moved Lord [Burghley] again yesterday in their common matter; but as he did not remember the particulars, and was somewhat in haste, he referred him to some other time; dealt with Mr. Maynard to know if he had seen or could help them to the bill given to his Lordship. Maynard said he had seen it, but knew not where to find it, and did not intend to seek for it. Conceived another memorial to his Lordship, as en-