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April 18. 136. Answer of Philip Corsini to the said proofs. Confesses the persons named were the freighters, nevertheless such goods were laden for the most part on account of Venetians and Florentines, and little or nothing for the freighters; also that the freighters are not subjects of the King of Spain; it has been proved by 18 witnesses named, and by other evidence mentioned, that they are Venetians, Florentines, and Germans. The controversy concerning these goods has been heard 16 times, by their Lordships and others, when everything that could be devised was urged by the counsel for Myddleton, Harvy, and their consorts; yet at every hearing, their Lordships, perceiving the allegations of the consorts to be of no weight, have ordered the goods to be delivered to him, Corsini, on behalf of the Italian merchants. Prays that the said merchants may not be led about in a ring without end, and that their pitiful complaint, and the earnest suit and letters of their Princes to Her Majesty for justice, may prevail, and the State of Venice and Duke of Tuscany receive some answer to their letters; so that those merchants who, after two and a half years, remain without any effectual relief, may be excused of any negligence in prosecuting this cause. [*Sheet, endorsed by Burghley.*]

April 20. 137. Account of the yearly charge for the pay, &c. of officers and men in the Low Countries, 74,264*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*; in Normandy, 25,088*l.* 14*s.*; and Brittany, 54,609*l.* 2*s.*; total, 153,961*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* Also a list of the officers of the foot bands at Flushing, Rammekens, Brill, Bergen-op-zoom, and Ostend. [8 *pages.*]

April 20. 138. Account of the charge for aiding the French King, including money lent on bond and disbursed for troops, from 1587 to 1590; total, 217,370*l.* 19*s.* 7*d.*, exclusive of the continuance of the monthly charge for her troops in Normandy and Brittany, 6,103*l.* 12*s.* [1¼ *pages.*]

April 20. 139. Account of the charge for the army in Normandy, from 20 July 1591 to 21 April 1593, including coat and conduct money, transportation, and other charges; total, 41,833*l.* 15*s.* 3*d.*

April 20. 140. Similar account for the army in Brittany, from 7 April 1598 to 20 April 1593; total, 94,404*l.* 4*s.* 4½*d.*

April 20. 141. Note of the monthly charge of the army in Normandy; total, 1,929*l.* 18*s.* With notes [*by Lord Burghley and his clerk, Maynard.*]

April 20. 142. Note of the monthly charge of the officers and 3,350 men serving in Brittany; total, 4,200*l.* 14*s.*

April 22. Dover Castle. 143. Depositions of Mathew Gibbon and nine other persons, of Dover and the adjoining parishes, taken before Thos. Fane Lieutenant of Dover Castle, on interrogatories prefixed, relating to the disposal of the goods saved from the Red Lion of London and the White Lion of Middleburg, which were cast away on the Goodwin sands, in December 1592; taken on 29 and 30 March, and 2 and 22 April, 1593. [19 *pages.*]