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money] to be paid to Lord Huntingdon's men in London, next Candelmas Day, and so must not be stayed. Is sorry for the young fellow [*Markham's*] fond and lewd carriage in the matter; thought his trouble had only proceeded from the malice of some of his enemies, but sees there is more than that in it. Has written to the Earl of Essex to thank him for his respect, &c., and to entreat that none of the Stanhopes, who are the writer's enemies, may have power to work their malice upon Markham, and so upon himself, as they will interpret untruly; leaves all the rest to his Lordship. Thanks Phelippes for his regard. Will always hold to such regular ways as never to be justly touched with reproach, which rules are the easier to follow, as they proceed from the truth of his inward mind. Underwood has imparted to him all Phelippes's friendly proceedings; Markham informed him that Parry used many questions to undermine him touching the writer, and wrote him a letter which was brought unsealed.

Jan. 30. 26. Warrant for an order to permit Giovanni Bassadova, of Venice, to transport thither 4,000 quarters of wheat, rye, or beans, from those parts of the realm where, for cheapness, it may well be spared, there being great dearth of corn in Venice. [*Draft.*]

Jan. 30. Deptford. 27. Sir John Hawkins to Lord Burghley. Sends his accounts for 15 years, nine of which have been passed. The books for four years have long been with the auditors, and those for 10 years are lying with himself, confirmed by the officers. No time has been neglected by him, yet is troubled with processes out of the Exchequer. The business to be performed is great; his wife being weak, cannot remove from Deptford, and passing in and out by water, hardly escapes sickness. Asks leave to attend the Lord Chief Baron and Mr. Fanshaw next term, as Her Majesty's service will be better furthered. After serving a year in that office, wished to be delivered from it. Mr. Gonson told him it was one of great care and charge, and no benefit, and said, "I shall pluck a thorn out of my foot and put it into yours." Would not believe him, but now finds it true. There have not been in his time any fees or vails worth 20*s.*, besides his ordinary fee and diet, which he consumes in attendance on the office; therefore prays to be delivered from this continual thraldom. [*Dated Feb., but endorsed* 30 *Jan.*]

Jan. 30? 28. [T. Phelippes to Sterrell?]. [Dictates a letter for him to Paget?]. Wrote many letters before the plague, but as the answers were cold, thought good to be silent during the plague; especially as he made such little reckoning of the overture for Mr. Wheeler, a gentleman of the Lord Treasurer's, to come and confer with him at any indifferent place, where he might go without suspicion, and Paget come without danger. Thinks him able and desirous to do service, though not settled in religion, yet discontent with the State and his master because he has formerly done service, but not great because he was not in credit; he is besides dependent on the Earl of Essex.