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Bench, Sir Rich. Martin, Sir John Hart, Sir Wm. Webbe, Wm. Daniel, Wm. Waad, and others, when he was convicted and attainted, after which the commission was adjourned to 14 March following. [5 *pages.*]

Feb. 28. The Fleet. 104. Benjamin Beard to Lord Keeper Puckering. Understanding by the bearer that he is desirous to know where Mr. Dingley is, and being the man who first caused Mr. Jones to deal for his liberty, has sought all possible means to get intelligence of him, amongst such of the writer's acquaintance as are recusants and Papists, but can hear nothing of him. Begs liberty, and then will undertake to find him, if he is in England. Has revealed to the bearer his knowledge of other persons of that faction, but is unwilling, during his imprisonment, to undertake any matter concerning those causes, lest, missing the performance, his Honour might conceive hardly of him. Has some inkling of two Jesuits lately arrived, and where and when they frequent, and if at liberty, as he expected to be, should have been present at their exercise. As the parties are apparelled in silk, and wear hair shirts underneath, judges them to be Jesuits. Was requested by the bearer to offer his services to his Lordship. Will undertake, if he may have his liberty, to perform such service in the aforesaid causes as that none has before been done better; will deliver some of those persons to his Honour before the beginning of next term, or be content to be committed to perpetual imprisonment; but in executing thereof, craves that such course may be followed as he shall set down, so that he may not be suspected, and that none may have knowledge thereof but his Lordship and the bearer, as it would be a great disgrace to him, his mother and all his kindred being Papists and recusants.

Feb. 105. Warrant to imprest 1,000*l.* to Sir John Hawkins, for the rebuilding of the ship Bull, in Deptford Strand, according to an estimate by the Lord Admiral and other officers of the Admiralty, and also 1,730*l.* for provisions required to put the whole navy into serviceable order.

Feb. 106. Note of four privy seals issued between Nov. 1591 and Jan. 1592, granting to John Vassall, Thomas Barnes, and Barthol. Matthewson,—as Her Majesty's special reward, towards the charges of building the May-flower and the Dainty, of London, and the Gift of God, and the Joseph of Bristol,—5*s.* upon every ton burden of each ship, out of such customs, subsidies, and other duties as should become due from wares and merchandise brought in or carried out by such ships, to be paid to them by the customs' officers at the port of London. With note that in such privy seals, a clause is usually inserted, that sufficient caution is taken in the Admiralty Court, that the owners do not alienate or do away with the ship, to any stranger or foreign person out of the realm.

Feb. ? 107. List of 45 noblemen; opposite to each name, the numbers [*of horsemen to be furnished by them*]; total, 712.