

## VOL. CCLXXXVII.

1603.

Jan. 25.—The fellows being assembled in chapter, I made known the motion from his Grace and our Chancellor, and my desire for Dr. Charier to succeed, and said I was pressed to resign, which I did five days after, recommending Dr. Charier. [ $\frac{3}{4}$  page.]

Feb. 4.  
Cambridge.

20. Dr. Joh[n Jegon to Sec. Cecil]. If I am hardly thought of in the matter of the mastership, I am glad the matter is told to you. 1st, I was moved by his Grace to deal against my own brother, and this I did, as may appear on the oath of the fellows of the college. 2nd, to deal for Dr. Charier. 3rd, on receipt of my *cong   d'  lire*, I was willed to resign my place, but was unwilling, because I have no other abode, and the fellows were unlike to choose Dr. Charier master. For stay, I made [request] to his Grace; he returned his own dislike, and that Her Majesty [would] be displeased at it. Whereupon I gave it over, and soon certified you what I had done; in fine, I was unduly suspected of villainous dealings. This is dangerous to my life, as will appear by the enclosed letters, a consequence which I am not able to bear. I have held a course according to [your wishes], and the hearts of the fellows are in the hands of God. [ $\frac{1}{2}$  page, *damaged*.]

Feb. 4.  
Bennet College,  
Cambridge.

21. Dr. Benjamin Charier, Sam. Walsall, and Christopher Denne, fellows of Bennet College, Cambridge, to Sec. Cecil. We have received letters from you, dated 3 Feb., requiring us, by Her Majesty's command, not to elect a new master till her further pleasure be known. We have done our best to perform this command; but pray your assistance that our protest against the unlawful election of Dr. Thos. Jegon, a married man, made by the rest of our company contrary to the Queen's pleasure, may be sufficient to make it a nullity, and that we may hear Her Majesty's further pleasure. Otherwise we shall need your protection against those who are displeased with us on this cause. We write in haste, fearing to be prevented by those who are coming to accuse us and justify themselves. [1 page.]

Feb. 5.

22. Dr. John Jegon to Sec. Cecil. I hope that my former relieves me from the charge of double dealing about the mastership. I foresaw that whatever the event were, I should be censured. I could complain of suggestions against me and my brother, wronging both us and you; but as I hope to see you soon, I forbear. My inward comfort is my sincerity, and outwardly the hope of your usual favour, on true relation and circumstances duly weighed. My only preferment has been from the Queen, by your father or yourself, upon whom only I depend, and I shall be content if she is pleased and you satisfied, praying that as you have raised me, you will not let me be cast down without cause. As authority contends with nature, and both with a scholar's imbecility, I may be thought to offend; but if any can impeach my honesty, I shall deem myself unfit for any place of authority. [ $\frac{1}{2}$  page.]