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so feeble that they were seen by an English ship to sink in a small storm not far from our coast. Mowbray the Scot, trying to escape from Edinburgh Castle, fell down and bruised himself so that he died. In a prize fight at the Swan, between two fencers named Dun and Turner, Dun was killed. The lawyers argue much whether to consider it chance medley, manslaughter, or murder. Starkie, a learned preacher, once chaplain to the old Countess of Shrewsbury or the Lady Arabella, has hanged himself. The Queen has named 11 new serjeants-at-law: [Jas.] Altham, of Gray's Inn; [Hen.] Hobert, [Rob.] Houghton, and [Thos.] Harris of Lincoln's Inn; [Edw.] Phillips and [Aug.] Nicholls of the Middle Temple; and of the Inner House, [John] Croke the recorder, [Thos.] Coventry, [Sam.] Tanfield, [Thos.] Foster, and [Rob.] Barker, because he is Mr. Attorney's brother-in-law. Dr. Howson, Vice-Chancellor of Oxford, is accused of false doctrine in a sermon preached there on the Queen's day, which has raised much dust. Dr. Ayrie and others are sent for up and imprisoned. I send the sermon, and a defence of Mr. Hooker against a Puritan pamphlet published a year ago. Private affairs. The Venetian ambassador or agent has had audience. [2 pages. *Printed in Chamberlain's Letters*, pp. 176-178.]

Feb. 13.

29. Petition of Thos. and Mary Tanner to Council. Thos. Tanner served with horse and arms in Ireland for a year, under Sir Hen. Danvers, and spent at Sir Henry's request 22*l.* 9*s.* 10*d.* for relief of the sick of the troop; he lost his horse, and was not half paid his allowance for his service. Request that Sir Henry may be called before them to show cause for non-payment, and the money paid from Sir Hen. Danvers' allowance, or otherwise. With note by Dr. Jul. Cæsar, "This to be answered by Sir Henry Danvers." [ $\frac{3}{4}$  page.]

Feb. 14.  
London.

30. Sir Thos. Edmondes and Auditor Rich. Sutton to Lord Treas. Buckhurst and Sec. Cecil. We have had divers meetings to make an agreement between Thos. Horsman and John Webbe, about a lease of two-thirds of the lands, &c. of Thos. Wilford of Leynham, co. Kent, recusant, granted to John Webbe. Finding cause to respect the interest of Mr. Horsman, the ancient tenant of the lease, who has little benefit by it yet, we wished Webbe either to satisfy Horsman, or to leave him the estate at a reasonable price. He refused, but we got him to value the lease at a price, 1,000*l.*, which he says he has paid to procure it. This price Horsman says is far above its value, but he was willing to pay 350*l.*, 150*l.* on the sealing of his assurance, and 200*l.* next Easter; one to become bound for rent and covenants. This offer Webbe refuses, though it is reasonable, considering the uncertainty of the estate, which is only worth 340*l.* a year. [ $1\frac{1}{2}$  pages, copy.]

Feb. 15.  
Tuesday.

31. Order of the Commissioners at a meeting held at the Earl of Shrewsbury's house, concerning cleansing Moore ditch,—present the Earl, Sir J. Fortescue and the Lord Chief Justice;—that Sir John Peyton, Sir Rob. Wroth, Mr. Cope, and Mr. Fowler for Middlesex, and Sir Stephen Soame, Alderman Goddard, Rowe, and