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Campbell for London, appoint a time to meet and consider of the works necessary for cleansing the ditch; the expense to be shared according to the proportions of the work in Middlesex and the city. They are to have the necessary commissions, and to report to the Lords before 1st March. [*Copy, certified by Sir Thos. Edmondes. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$  pages.*]

Endorsed, "Letter for Mr. Hanger, and orders for the cleansing of Moore ditch."

Feb. 15.  
Tuesday.

32. Like order, concerning a demand of the justices of Middlesex and Surrey, for a contribution from the city of London for erecting and maintaining houses of correction in the said counties;—that on 21 Feb. the said justices deliver to the Lord Mayor and aldermen of London copies of their collections of the tenements and new buildings within the counties belonging to the city since 22 Eliz., and the Lord Mayor and aldermen shall deliver to the justices like accounts for buildings in the city belonging to the counties, and also the counterpane of their contract with the undertakers of Bridewell. Also that the aldermen who have this day attended shall report to the others the contribution required to be yielded by the city, and return to the Lords on 4 March their answer, as to what they intend to contribute. [*1 page, copy.*]

Feb. 16.

33. Thos. Phelippes to Sec. Cecil. I have not written you latterly, but I think this a fit occasion. Monnox has got into employment under Spinola in the galleys, and I would try whether he might not be wrought to be as good an instrument for the State as he is like to prove the contrary. He is a shrewd lusty knave, and should either be won by promise, or, if restive, be made unserviceable to the enemy. Some trusty person should be sent, under colour of treating for the exchange of the English that are in the galleys for Spaniards here. There are 40 unredeemed, one of whom, called Mansell, says he is a kinsman of Sir Rob. Mansell.

The conceit of the Venetians' employment is most true, and has caused great jealousy. The preparations for the Low Countries agree with what was resolved on six months ago, to repair last year's disgraces; the second point about money being required is provided for, so I think will be the third,—that we shall have so much to do in Ireland that we should not attend to these parts; but I know you are not ignorant of whatever passes abroad. [*1 page.*]

Feb. 21.

34. "A new memorial of the malcontents." In a day or two there will be 100,000 ready joined in arms, and there will be as many more in convenient time, so they only want succour by sea, with some expert captains and leaders. They have 1,000 mules, the best in the kingdom, to draw the cannon. They can promise no horses, nor money, till an army be despatched, and 10 or 12 captains in their power, and then they will find all that is fitting, and pay down 150,000 crowns. The sack they prize will be worth many millions. They know where the enemy have abundance of munition and provisions, which they think they shall easily obtain. [ *$\frac{1}{2}$  page, dated Feb. 18, but endorsed Feb. 21.*]