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Feb. 21.
Barnstaple.

35. John Delbridge to Sec. Cecil. I hear from Palmer at St. Jean de Luz that the French King has sent an ambassador to the King of Spain. The Spaniards are gathering companies in Castile and Andalusia, and purchasing ships. They hear of a fleet preparing in England, and so have sent two ships from the Groyne to run on our coast, and learn its proceedings. I am anxious about the safety of my letters to Alderman Moore enclosed, as there is one of importance to you. [$\frac{3}{4}$ page.]

Feb. 23.
Lambeth.

36. Dr. Benj. Charier to Sec. Cecil. The love of the Dean of Canterbury, the Dean of Paul's, Dr. Clayton, and other principal members of the University, called me to the hope of Bennet College. The protestations of the Bishop caused me to conceive great facility, and your countenance, joined to his Grace's entreaty, gave me assurance. My desire to increase the kindness between his Grace and the Bishop made me leave the affair to him only; but when I saw my friends' measures defeated by a cunning condemned by all honest men, I thought it my duty to do my best, not so much to recover the thing as to discover the practice, and show myself sensible of the abuse offered to you and my master. I submit the rest to you, being willing thankfully to accept the place, or to help anyone else whom you think more suitable; I only crave you meanwhile to count me an honest man. [1 page.]

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Feb. 24.

37. Notes of measurements of a number of trees in the wheat field, and of wood for timber and faggots; also notes of persons to whom moneys are due. Endorsed with a note of furniture. [2 pages, damaged.]

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Feb. 26.
Court.

38. Sir Hen. Saville to Dud. Carleton. I commend to you Jas. Dalrimple, whom I am sending into France, Germany, and Italy, to write out certain books that I desire, but no matters of State. His address is principally to President Thou, the chief governor of the King's library there. Advise him about lodgings, &c., as he is ignorant of the language and fashions; he will need discretion to make my allowance any great gain. M. de Thou will want him lodged near the library. He has bookish matters in hand for the Earl of Northumberland also.

P.S.—The greatest favour you could do him would be in the comparing of the books when written, which requires two together. [1 page.]

Feb. 28.
London.

39. John Chamberlain to Dud. Carleton, at the Lord Ambassador's in Paris. Mr. Winwood had favourable audience of Her Majesty. Thanks for the Jesuitical apology. Private affairs. Richardson, a priest, was taken on the 12th in Clement's Inn, and executed at Tyburn on the 16th. Darling, a youth of Merton College (who pretended to be dispossessed of a devil by Darrell), is sentenced by the Star Chamber to be whipped and lose his ears for libelling the Vice-Chancellor of Oxford and divers of the Council; he has had part of his punishment in Cheapside, the rest is to be at