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Oxford. Dr. Bennet was consecrated Bishop of Hereford at Lambeth, and Dr. Jegon Bishop of Norwich. The Countess of Nottingham is dead, and the Admiral grieves exceedingly. Sir John Peyton has buried his lady. Smith, brother to Lady Fortescue and Lady Anderson, has left behind him several good offices, which are much sued for. Sir Calisthenes Brooke is said to have married a widow in the Low Countries, of no great report for wealth or otherwise. I hear no tidings of his coming, nor Mr. Rodway's.

The Council are busy with Irish affairs, and whether Tyrone shall be received with the conditions offered him by the Earl of Essex; he stands on these points, and it is thought he will obtain them, as he gathers head again, and many cashiered soldiers swell his numbers. New troubles arise in Scotland; the worst is the domestic dangers and heartbreaking the King finds in his own house. Private news.

P.S.—We hear from Spain that Newport, a seaman, with two ships, has taken five frigates with treasure, from Carthagena and Nombre de Dios, bound for the Havana; a prize of two millions at least. Eight Spanish men-of-war are sent to intercept him if he touch at the Terceras or thereabouts, and some are coming to the English coast. Griffith, a Welsh pirate, is taken at Cork, and his lands, worth 500*l.* a year, some say, are given to Lord Grey. Private affairs. [2 pages. Printed in Chamberlain's Letters, pp. 179–180.]

[Feb.]

Warrant to Lord Keeper Egerton to make out writs under the great seal, calling the persons named to be serjeants-at-law as follows: viz.—Writ appointing John Croke to the office of serjeant-at-law, under penalty of 1,000*l.* if he fail to execute it. [Warrant Book, No. I., p. 42; the other names are not given.]

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40. The Queen to the Judges of Common Pleas. Forgeries are daily committed in that court, by suing forth process in the filazers' names, without their privity, so that we are deprived of our seals and fines, and the officers of their fees. To reform these abuses, the officers should deliver their writs upon record and signed, on fee of 4*d.* After communicating with the Lord Treasurer, you are to order the officers to make delivery accordingly. [$\frac{2}{3}$ page.]

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41. Statement that in 1598, Lady Danvers leased the domains of Bradstock Abbey, and other lands in Wiltshire, to Sir Rob. Cecil, Justice Walmsley, and Giles and Rich. Danvers, for 400*l.* a year, though the lease is worth 1,000 marks more, without mention of trust. The tenants were called together and informed of this, but afterwards Sir Chas. Danvers put in his own steward, and assumed the ownership of the land till his attainder; Sir Edm. Carey now claims it in right of his wife [Lady Danvers] on plea that the lease is void, being made after his marriage with her. The writer, to whom a *supersedeas* in Chancery has been directed, wants Sir Rob. Cecil's mind before the jury give their verdict, and whether by law he should examine Sir Edm. Carey's witnesses against the Queen, or surcease on the writ of *supersedeas*. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ pages.]