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1603.

Dr. Steward and Dr. Creak refused to state the points of law, their clients declining to have the cause examined before the said doctors.

This proceeding, if suffered, will breed ill effects in the University; it is manifest contempt to Her Majesty; she should either by prerogative absolutely place a master there, or nominate one for them to elect, either Dr. Neile, Dr. Richardson, Mr. Morell, or Mr. Milner. Dr. Charier, though commended by the heads of the University, should not be imposed upon them. [$3\frac{1}{2}$ pages.]

March ?

45. "The perplexed Society of Bennet College, Cambridge," to Sec. Cecil. We are grieved to see our chancellor so highly offended. We hoped you would uphold our free election as your father did with others, and this we still hope. Our rash proceeding has made the offence, but you pardon greater faults. While we poor scholars are detained here at great charge, our adversary tries the avoidance of our lawful election, to the disheartening of our society, almost all of whom would rather lose their places than have him placed over us. We therefore pray that the master, whom for his worthiness we have elected, may be continued to us. [$\frac{3}{4}$ pages.]

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March 6 ?
Shrove Sunday,
Tisbury.

46. Margaret Lady Arundel, "your old husband," to Lady Partridge. Had your honest behaviour deserved it, I had still called you wife, but as you have matched with another, I am dissatisfied till I know what sort of man you have got, that I may know whether you have more cause to rejoice than I at my being discharged of so froward a shrew. I send you a visible token to wear on your brow, and hope the blast of it may blow love and unity between you and your husband. [$\frac{3}{4}$ page.]

Endorsed, "The Lady Arundel's letter to my wife, the Lady Partridge, immediately upon my marriage with her."

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March 9.
Plymouth.

47. Wm. Stallenge to Sec. Cecil. I have given 5*l.* and a post warrant from the mayor to the bearer, for his charges to Court, as he has letters of importance for your Honour, which he wishes to deliver with his own hand. [$\frac{1}{2}$ page.] *Enclosing,*

47. I. *Capt. Wm. Edney to Capt. Roger Harvey. Pedro Lopez de Sotto landing from Ireland, delivered the substance of your letters to the Governor of the Groyne, and he sent them to the King. There is secret preparation of an army said to be for Argel; that which was prepared for Ireland last August, but said to be for Argel, was separated by weather, and most is in Minorca island; no fleet can leave for four months, but if any do come, it is for Ireland. My lord must look to O'Donnell, for this State intends to corrupt him. Patrick Arthur has been here since June. The Irish grow discontented, the King not performing what they expected, and say if he send no army by St. Patrick's day, they will all turn to Her Majesty.*