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Narrow Seas, with six of the Queen's ships and four Hollanders, to lie two and two at several points towards the West. Winwood, who was agent in France, rails everywhere against Bagshaw as irreligious and perfidious. We hear that the Queen has once again expressly commanded the stay of Tyrone's pardon. The evening of Richardson's apprehension, the Lord Chief Justice came to the Sessions house, and calling for him, caused his indictment of high treason to be read, for being a priest and coming to England contrary to the statute. He pleaded not guilty, and refused trial awhile because the jury was ignorant, and the Chief Justice made the law, and therefore on him would lie the guilt of his blood. The Chief Justice asked him who has head of the Church, he answered, "The Pope;" "Thou art a Jesuit!" "No," said the prisoner. "What dost thou think of Jesuits?" "That they are good and religious men." "Thou art a traitor!" "As good a subject as your Lordship, or any assistant on the bench." He at last consented to trial and was condemned. He desired, the little time he had to live, to be amongst his fellow Catholic prisoners, complaining of unchristian restraint, but the keeper was commanded to use him as before. Next morning he was executed at Tyburn. He prayed for the Queen, showed great courage, yet with mildness and discretion; many pitied him, and inveighed against the cruelty of the Chief Justice, for he had not a day's liberty to provide for his death, as common thieves have. [3½ pages.]

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52. Ant. Rivers to Gio. Battista Galfredi, Venice. Business affairs Private news. I have acquainted some friends with the intended discourse of antiquities, and both the matter and manner seemed to please; the book will be grateful to many; the caution about the dedication was because *nimica cautela non nocet*, not from conceit that the author intended such a course. The parties stayed at Dover were Thos. Hungerford, Jane Leake, and some others; the skipper deceived them; the women were discharged, but the men sent to the Gatehouse. The plague begins in the city and suburbs, especially Southwark; it is feared the next year will be very contagious. Items of news as in the preceding letters; with a few additions.

The Queen has permitted the Deputy to pardon Tyrone, but he little respects his pardon, having joined Tyrell to cut off some companies of the garrison. The rumours of Arabella much afflict the Queen; she has not been well since the Countess of Nottingham's death, rests ill at nights, forbears to use the air in the day, and abstains more than usual from her meat, resisting physic, and is suspicious of some about her as ill-affected. We hear nothing what our Commissioners are doing at Bremen with those from the empire, and the Danish controversy is like to be unfinished.

When the Appellant Priests' 40 days are expired, the solicitors, all but Bluet, and as many others as come in will be banished. The Chief Justice will send the others as fast to the gallows, if he may have his will; he had Richardson executed 27 Feb., and when on his circuit, would have put four more to death at Bury, but the