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March 15 ? 55. Remembrances concerning the Bishop of Norwich He craves restitution of his temporalities from last Michaelmas, the quarter of his election, which is less than Her Majesty has usually granted.

The receipts due between Michaelmas and his election do not amount to 5*l.*, and the audit being perfected for the half year ending Michaelmas, it would be a great trouble to make a new one for so small a receipt, and Her Majesty will be recompensed in the more speed of his first fruits.

The rents of the bishopric are payable at Michaelmas and Lady-day, except some dead pensions, not the value of the tenths, due at Christmas, wherewith the Bishop will be charged to Her Majesty for the year to come.

The Bishop moving the Lord Treasurer for his restitution, his Lordship named Michaelmas of his own accord, but referred the matter to Her Majesty's pleasure. [ $\frac{3}{4}$  page.]

March 16. 56. George Belgrave to Sec. Cecil. I am much grieved for the speeches I let drop before the Lords, at which they took offence. I delivered my dislike of the choice of public officers of ill report, unworthily put upon the country, whereby our freedom of choosing them was abridged. My lord of Worcester asking their names, I have set them down ; but left out many circumstances which cannot be justified. If, in my impatience of the country's grievances and my own, I have exceeded myself, I beg pardon, and living a private life hereafter, shall not complain of public defects. My afflictions the last 14 years would have made a wiser man mad. Let my imprisonment be sufficient punishment for my verbal offence, and further my enlargement, that I may return and show my duty to the Lord President of Wales, in his intended journey on the 28th instant. [1 page.]

March. 57, 58. "A prayer for the Queen's Majesty when she lay sick, Richmond. made by the Bishop of Chichester, Lord Almoner of Her Majesty's household," entreating that the sins of the nation may not provoke God to shorten their happiness under the Queen, who is "the safety of Thy people, the peace of the Church, and the very lives of Thy saints;" but that she may be strengthened in weakness, her grief assuaged, her mind purified, and her health restored. [2 copies.]

March 24. Sir Fras. Vere to Sec. Cecil. Prince Maurice received tidings first Hague. of Her Majesty's extreme illness, then of her death, which latter I take to be a false bruit. M. de Caron writes that she was ill at ease through trouble of mind about the pardon of Tyrone, and the marriage of Lady Arabella, but her magnanimity made me think no accident could so distemper her mind; then reports came on all hands of her dangerous sickness, and now M. de Caron writes that being between the coffer chamber and her bed chamber, he saw great weeping and lamentation among the lords and ladies, as they passed to and fro, and perceived there was no hope that Her Majesty should escape. I never thought to live to see so dismal a day. [*Extract, Holland Corresp.*]