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July? Commission to Sir Thos. Seymour, to be captain and leader of the said forces, in case of the death of Sir John Wallorun. [*Dom. Eliz., Vol. XCIII., No. 18, p. 50, Latin.*]
- July 7. 18. The King and Queen to the Earl of Shrewsbury. We think good, by advice of Council, to send 600 horsemen and 400 archers to the borders of Scotland. You are to levy 100 skilful archers in co. Notts, to set forth by 1 Aug. We will sent to Berwick treasure for their wages and coat and conduct money, of which you are to send us an estimate. We have written to the Border lords to put themselves and their servants and tenants in readiness; therefore you are to forbear taking any such, and leave them to serve with their own lords. [1 page, copy.]
Endorsed, "Minutes of letters to the Earls of Shrewsbury and Derby and Lords Dacre and Wharton."
- July 7. 19. Like letter to the Earl of Derby to raise 200 archers in Lancashire and 100 in Cheshire. [1 page, copy.]
- July 7. 20. The King and Queen to the Wardens of the East and Middle Marches. Finding that many of the officers are absent from their charges, we command that you cause proclamation to be made in Berwick and all convenient places under your rule, that all officers repair to their respective charges within 10 days, on pain of losing their offices and of our further displeasure. [1½ pages, draft.]
- July 12.
London. 21. Sir Leonard Chamberlain to the Queen. I am ordered by Council's letter of 9 July to prepare for Guernsey, but must inform you of the state of the island. There is a want of able men, and the castle is not in repair to repulse an army, beside the want of the Pope and the French King's privilege, which heretofore was the people's protection from hostility. I have been a suitor thereon to Council ever since I came to the office, but without redress. I beg your licence to press and transport 100 men, and an imprest of 200*l.* towards their wages. If I were able to bear the charge, you should not be charged with a penny.
As to Sir Thos. Benger's case, unless my Lord Chancellor see that your laws pass without corruption, in my absence it is likely that he will be acquitted. I consider not my slander as much as the example that felons should be so borne out; so that the justice of your laws first takes place, I am not against mercy afterwards. [1 page.]
- July 13. 22. The King and Queen to Lord Dacre. Having declared our pleasure to our Commissioners at Carlisle that if they and the Scotch Commissioners come to any reasonable agreement, you shall deliver pledges for answering bills by them agreed, we are surprised that you make obstacle to the delivery of the pledges required by justice and the laws of the Borders; as our Commissioners would