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1581.
Jan. 33. A recital of former statutes against such as reconcile themselves to the Church of Rome, their maintainers or concealers.
- Jan. 34. Duplicate of the above, with some additions, and with marginal notes by Burghley.
- Jan. 35. Charges against Davye Wood, a preacher. His ill treatment of his wife and scandalous exposure of himself to two women who interfered on her behalf; their characteristic revenge. His drunkenness and other ill conduct.
- Jan. ? 36. Suit of the Commissioners for repair of Dover Harbour for money to be levied for the continuance of the works there for the ensuing year, by being allowed to export malt and barley, notwithstanding the restraint of grain, and that the city of London might lend 1,000*l.* for one year.
- Jan. ? 37. Device for money to be levied for the maintenance of the works at Dover Harbour this year. Same in substance as the above. Restraint of exportation of barley and malt out of Norfolk and Suffolk, except under the Dover licence.
- Jan. 38-41. Four discourses by Robert Barret, addressed probably to Walsyngham? The FIRST, dated 20th January, 1580-1, details the course of his travels for the last six years in Flanders, France, Italy, and Spain, and of the English persons with whom he came in contact. In Rome he was examined before Mr. Stukly, one Mr. Shelly, who calls himself Lord Prior of England, and an old man called Goldwell, sometime Bishop [of St. Asaph] in England. The SECOND discourse describes more particularly by name the English Papists and Jesuits he met in his travels, and gives lists of such Papists as had repaired to England, and "of such as were villanous wretches of their tongues, and would do much hurt." The THIRD discourse contains details of foreign policy and designs against England, and of his own endeavours to return to England. The FOURTH discourse relates his course of life from the time he was 16 years of age till his return to England; and concludes by offering his services to disclose "not only the names of such Englyshe, Iryshe, or "Scottyshe Papistes, bothe yonge and olde, as do remayne in Flanders, Fraunce, Italy, or Spaygne, but allso the names of many "their favourers and fawters here in England." The second discourse is indorsed, partly by Burghley, "*Ro. Barret, a long discourse of his travel in forrayn partes: brought by Sir H. Ratclyffe.*"
- Jan. ? 42. Petition of John Bovyat to the Queen, praying that his grant for the making of saltpetre and gunpowder [see Vol. cvi., No. 53] may be confirmed by Act of this present Parliament.
- Feb. 1.
Dublin. 43. Lawrence Hollingshed to Sir Francis Walsingham. Prays to be excused from attendance in Parliament as member for the town of Buckingham, by reason of ill health.
- Feb. 1. Copy of the above. [*Imperfect MS., James I.*]