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- Feb. ? 94. Petition of the Gunners of the Tower and of the Navy to the Queen; praying for an Act of Parliament for the training up skilful gunners, and to prohibit every one from exercising the office of gunner in any ship or vessel, but such as shall receive certificates of their skill and proficiency in the same art.
- Feb. ? 95. Articles for the examination of the Gunners of the Tower and for practising them, four times a year at least in the Artillery Garden, given for that purpose by King Henry VIII. to the office of the Ordnance.
- Feb. ? 96. Commission to Sir Henry Radecliff for taking musters within the town and liberties of Portsmouth.
- Feb. ? 97. Articles to be administered to Thos. Cottam, Luke Kirby, and others, priests, of late committed to the Tower; of their coming into England; of persons reconciled by them to the Church of Rome; of any conference with Campion or knowledge where he is, &c.
- Feb. ? 98. Answer in justification and furtherance of the project of Mr. Ferrys for the better regulation of the trade of the Merchant Strangers, and reforming of the abuses of strangers made denizens.

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- March 1. 1. List of Bills in Parliament, in various stages of progress; of those already passed in the Lower House; of those read but not expedited; and of Bills not yet read.
- March 1. 2. Petition of Thomas Clyff to Sir Wm. Cecill (*sic*). Requests payment of the remainder of the debt due to him by Mr. Henry Howard; being one of the oldest creditors.
- March 1? 3. Commissioners for Muster of Horses in Lincolnshire to the Earls of Warwick and Leicester and Sir Chr. Hatton. Request a longer time to make their certificate, which they will do as soon as they conveniently may.
- March 1.
Polsted. 4. Gervais Smith to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Has heard from Mr. Still that Walsyngham remembers the conversation with Mr. Cole about transfer of ministers. Appeals for assistance or promotion. Latin.
- March 2. 5. Bill to retain the Queen's Majesty's subjects in their due obedience. Draft corrected by Burghley.
- March 2. 6. Considerations why the Bill against the Company of Merchant Adventurers, being Freemen of the City of London, should not pass. [*Bill read a second time March 2, 1581.*]