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1581.

March 17. 27. The Queen to the Sheriffs and special Commissioners of Westminster. Musters in Counties; to levy a certain number of men, amounting in the whole to 1,000 men, for service in Ireland.

28. The same, for all the counties in Wales.

March 18. 29. Reasons why the statute for the increase of mariners and maintenance of navigation ought to be dispensed with.

March 18. 30. Petition of Wm. Maxfeylde to the Council. That his diocesan the Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield had not been able to confer with him during this Parliament. Desires that he may have licence to depart out of town with the Bishop.

March 25. Sir Fr. Walsyngham to Mr. [William] Waad. Thanks for his St. James's. advertisements. Wishes him to send intelligence of any thing of importance, by express if necessary. Thanks for his provision of trees. The affairs of Scotland stand presently in very bad terms, the enterprise of Angus to seize D'Aubigny being discovered. [*See Vol. xlv., p. 68.*]

March 27. 31. Sir Henry Sydney to the Earl of Leicester. Had been Salop. cautioned how he trusted his cousin, Mr. Justice Townshend. Comes at last to an explanation with him, who details the nature of his transactions with the Comptroller, Sir James Croft. Bears testimony in Townshend's favour.

March 28. 32. Certificate of the persons in the county of Norfolk appointed to keep horses or geldings for service, the number of horses or geldings rated upon every of them, together with the names of the persons appointed to ride upon the same.

March. 33. Brief of the certificates of musters of horse in various counties and names of the Commissioners in the shires under the charge of the Earls of Warwick and Leicester.

March. 34. Thomas Scot to Leicester. Being by profession a preacher, by birth an Englishman, and by baptism a Christian, thinks it right to disclose the traitorous speeches of Henry Hawkins—"that my Lord Robert hath had fyve children by the Queene, and she "never goethe in progress but to be delivered." Papists favoured by Henry Lovell and Sir Henry Bedingfield.

March? 35. Petition of Francis Tucker to Sir F. Walsingham; complains of the seizure of his ship and goods at Civita Vecchia, and of his being thrown into the inquisition on a charge of acting against Campion in England. Solicits letters of reprisal against the Roman States.

March. 36. A note of all English ships, of 20 tons and upwards, coming with merchandise from the parts beynd seas and discharged at the port of London by the space of one whole year between Easter 1580 and Easter 1581, the total for the whole year amounting to 30,881 tons.