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1581.
March. 37. Paper, indorsed "Mr. Norton's Defence against Hampton's
"false Report." Detail by Norton of his meeting Mr. Hampton of
Trinity College, Cambridge, at the house of Mr. William Grice, his
conversation with Hammond, after supper, on Parliamentary affairs,
in which the latter endeavours to throw the odium of certain pro-
ceedings upon the Queen, whom Norton defends, and casts the
odium upon the Bishops. His troubles in consequence.
- March. 38. Petition of Inhabitants of Peterborough to the Queen; praying
for relief. Distress by decay of their trade. The late Abbey by its
power and influence protected them and their interests, more than
the Bishop and the Dean and Chapter do.
- March? 39. Petition of Jane Shelley, wife of William Shelley, now a
prisoner, to the Council. Complains of abuses offered her by her
husband's servants within a few months ensuing his commitment to
the present day. Prays to have sufficient maintenance assigned to
her out of her own lands and tenements by right of inheritance, and
that her jewels and jointure lands may be restored to her. [*William
Shelley of Michelgrove, Sussex, was committed to the Fleet, 13 Aug.
1580. (Co. Reg.) There was also another William Shelley, of Sutton,
co. Hereford, in confinement at the same time.*]
- April 1. 40. Suit of the Mayor, Jurats, and Commonalty of the town of
Sandwich, to the Council. Giving credence to the bearers touching
the repairing and preserving of the haven at Sandwich; and re-
questing for that purpose a licence to transport 20,000 quarters of
corn.
- April 1. 41. Certificate of grain transported from the port of Sandwich,
passed from port to port, from the first of March to the first of April,
1581.
- April 1? 42. Certificate for all manner of grain, as well going out as coming
in from or to the port of Feversham, from Michaelmas, 1580, unto
the feast of Easter following.
- April 3. 43. Estimate of the charge for victualling and setting forth to sea
in warlike manner, eight ships and six pinnaces for four months, for
1,000 men, under the command of Francis Drake, to intercept the
Spanish galleons from the West Indies, &c.
44. Another copy.
- April 3. 45. Another copy, curtailed.
- April 3. 46. Another estimate for the above, with considerable difference
in the amount, with the names of the captains, Francis Drake,
Richard Byngham, Edward Fenton, &c.
- (April 3.) 47. Another estimate of the charges for the above expedition,
called the "First Enterprise," to land on the Isles of Terceiras, &c.,
and details for the "Second Enterprise," to go to Callicut, and there
to establish the trade of spices in Her Majesty's right, as a party
with the King of Portugal.