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1581.
June? 59. Petition of the Aldermen and Society of the Merchants of the Stillyard in London to the Council. For order to be taken for the speedy renewal of their trade with Hamburg; as the Stedes, their superiors, have signified how and after what sort the English merchants may continue their traffic to that place.
- June? 60. Petition of Thomas Fenner to Lord Burghley, to export 500 quarters of wheat from the port of Chichester to Ireland.
- June? 61. Copy of the letters written by a priest in the Tower of London to the Catholics in other prisons,—complaining of the cruelty and severity with which they were treated. Application of torture to Ralph Sherwin, Luke Kirby, Thomas Cotton, Skynner, Alex. Brian, Robert Johnson, and others. Latin.
- July 1.
The Court. 62. Walsyngham to Burghley. Stay in Mr. Stafford's suit. The strange guest (Don Antonio) had audience yesternight. He desires leave to provide himself with ten ships, to conduct him to the Isle of Terceira.
- July 4.
Mile End. 63. Lord Wentworth to same. Interview with the Earl of Leicester, touching the proposed marriage, who promised to further it, and not yet to make it known to the Queen.
- July 7.
Greenwich. 64. Walsyngham to same. The Queen has determined to assist Don Antonio with ships; thinks, however, that France will do nothing in his favour. Doubtful policy of Scotland; the Bishop of Glasgow asserting that the young King is inclined to the Catholic religion. News from France. The taking of Breda.
- July 9.
Cambridge. 65. Dr. Perne, Vice-Chancellor, to same. Thanks for his favours towards St. John's College, especially sending his son Robert Cecill, to their college, who hath shown an example of godly diligence both at sermons and disputations. Hopes he may be permitted to return to Cambridge. Has imparted certain notes to Mr. Skinner.
- July 11.
Minster in Sheppey. 66. Sir Humphrey Gilberte to Walsyngham. Desires payment of the little sum of money remaining due to him, for service of his three ships in Ireland. Has been reduced to utter want by his losses there. It is a miserable thing that after seven and twenty years' service, he should now be subject to daily arrests, executions, and outlawries, and to sell his wife's clothes from her back. [*A detail of the services of the three ships will be found in the Irish Correspondence, 25 Oct. 1581.*]
- July 12.
The Court. 67. Walsyngham to Burghley. Has been stayed from visiting him by reason of a quarrel between the Earls of Sussex and Leicester. The cause of the quarrel grew about Havering, and the words of reproach that passed were very bitter. The Queen has commanded both to keep their chambers, and will commit them in case they shall not yield to stand to her order. The Queen is resolved not to restore the Earl of Oxford to full liberty, till