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life and unnatural propensities, of his drunkenness, and his undutiful dealings to the Queen ; railing at Francis Southwell for commending her singing one night at Hampton Court. "Protesting by the blud of God that she had the worst voyce, and did everye thinge w^t the worst grace that ever any woman did."

47. Interrogatories to be administered to Charles Arundel, consisting of twenty-six articles. His combination with Lord Howard and Francis Southwell ; communications with Jesuits ; hearing mass ; offers made to the Earl of Oxford by Monsieur, &c.

48. Answers by Ch. Arundel to the above.

49. Articles by Ch. Arundel against the Earl of Oxford. His derogatory conduct relative to the Queen, irreverence of the Scriptures, attempts to murder Leicester, his commendation of Dr. Sanders and Lord Baltinglas, his unnatural crimes.

50. Articles whereof the Earl of Oxford would have accused the Earl of Leicester,—extensively fortifying Kenilworth under the colour of making the Queen sport with fire works ; that he boasted of greatness and alliance and influence with the Queen, and was able to make the proudest subject sweat that would oppose him, &c.

51. Copies of letters, from Charles Arundel, one apparently to Walsyngham thanking him for his friendship ; the other to a lady, detailing at great length the condition and circumstances of himself and his friends. The present cause of his detention was a supplication presented to the Queen by Leicester from the Earl of Oxford. Understands by common report of the lady's disgrace and banishment.

52. Same to [Walsyngham ?] His monstrous adversary Oxford, since his coming out of trouble, accuses him of a libel against his honour. Prays him to suspend his judgment. Indignantly denies Oxford's malignant slanders.

53. Same to [Walsyngham ?] Has received comfort by his last message and desires his aid and favor to procure him a speedy trial. Hopes the Queen will show him as much favor, as she hath lately granted in behalf of his monstrous adversary Oxford, a person convicted of great beastliness.

54. Same to . Thanks for his favor and friendly disposition. Is willing, under certain conditions, to enter into correspondence and to act with him in affairs in which they are mutually concerned.

55. Same to . Is desirous to make use of him in a matter of some importance. Has to pay away and dispose of a round sum of money by direction of his brother ; but many of the parties being in the country, he applies to him to advance a few hundred pounds to be paid to the bearer.