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- July 30. 68. The Queen to the Lord President and Council of Wales. In conformity with the preceding. Stay of proceedings and levying of fines on the penal statutes, till further notice, excepting such as are therein mentioned. Reduction to be made in foreign and extraordinary expenses.
- July 30? 69. An additional article in the instructions for Wales, for regulating the duties and practice of the Attorney General of that court.
- July 31. 70. Account of wages due to the posts for Ireland for 10 months, ending the last of July 1582, signed Thomas Randolphe.
- July. 71. "Extract of a secret letter sent to the Countess of Shr[ewsbury], with another dated in July, by Mr. Charles Cavendish." Cavendish suggests the Queen there [of Scots] should write a letter in his behalf, with reference to the knowledge of some person. Answer of the Queen of Scots to Lady Shrewsbury. Is glad to hear of her and her little niece (Arbella Stuart). Would in this case, full of compassion, do all the good she might; but thinks her writing a letter about her son would be hazardous.
- July. 72. Anne Lady Hopton to Mr. Beale, clerk of the Council. Desires him to speak to Mr. Secretary in behalf of Mr. Mewe and his wife, for his liberty; truly the gentlewoman is very great with child.
- July. 73. "Advertisements from sundry partes." An epitome of foreign intelligence. Proceedings in opening the Diet at Augsburg, arrival of Princes and States; propositions read in the Diet. Italy: the young gentleman of Scotland [Admirable Crichton], who became so famous in Italy for his disputing, is now lately slain in Mantua. Spanish news. Constantinople: ceremonies at the feast of the circumcision of the Sultan's eldest son; on the third day a great banquet to the people, 5,000 sheep ready dressed, 7,000 platters of rice, 40 beasts, and sundry other meats; feats of strength; cruel exhibitions by 50 Turks; some opened their own bellies, planting standards in the wounds, and so marched about till they fell down dead; descent of a Turk "from the toppe of the Pyramides into the market place." War with Persia.
- July? 74. Petition of Gilbert Peppit to the Council. Complains of Simon Knight, late Mayor of Exeter, who marvellously vexed him in the law for accusing him of the escape of Clinton Atkinson the pirate, two years since.
- July? 75. Inventory of books belonging to various Papists, classed under their names:—Mr. George Cotton, Sir Tho. Fitzherbert, Mr. Wm. Shelley, Mr. Simon Norwich, Philip Tremayne, Mr. Owen, Mr. Erasmus Sanders, Mr. James Martin, Mr. William Taulk, Mr. Anstay, Mr. Halsey, and Mr. Fra. Trug. . . .