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1582.

Aug. 8.
The Court.

6. Walsyngham to Lord Burghley. Sends a copy of the privy seal for such a sum of money as the Queen is pleased to send to the Duke of Anjou. Desires him to give directions to Mr. Sommers for the manner of the close handling of the matter, so as there may be no great speech had thereof.

Aug. 8.
Theobalds.

7. Burghley to Walsyngham. Mr. Martin has sent him an account of the quantity of bullion and coin in the Mint. It is better the money were expended "than that Spain should crow over us in the Low Countries."

Aug. 8.
Winchester.

8. Bishop Watson to Same. Requests instructions how to proceed with John Chapman, a seminary and massing priest. The gaol has so many backward people that they thought it not good to commit either the priest or Mrs. Bullacre thither. *Incloses,*

8. I. *Examination of John Chapman, seminary priest, taken before the Bishop of Winchester, Francis Cotton, and William Wright, Esqrs. Course of his defection from the English church, his travels abroad, and return to England.*

Aug. 10.

9. Substance of the examinations taken concerning James Lessman, a Franciscan friar, very lately returned from beyond the seas, formerly vicar of Tarbeck, co. Worcester. He was apparelled in a cloak of rat's colour, lined with green baize, the cape of tufted taffata, red and blue, his "girkin and gascoyns" of the colour of his cloak, his doublet white, and stockings of his hose "of a bluishe or murrey colour."

Aug. 11.
Paris.

10. Richard Hopkins to Walsyngham. Presents him with one of his books, now translated and published in the English tongue, which contains nothing proscribed by any laws of the realm. Hopes he will read it, and trusts that it may slack that fervent zeal which Walsyngham hath against the ancient catholic religion and its professors, whereof he was noted to be one of the most severe persecutors.

Aug. 11.
Bury.

11. Sir Robt. Jermyn, Sir John Heigham, and others, to the Council. Detail their proceedings in the attempt to allay the disputes at Thetford. Are of opinion that the Mayor and his associates are very cold in the cause of religion, and never yet would consent to entertain a preacher. [*On the 15th June, 1582, Sir Robt. Jermyn, Sir Wm. Spryng, and others, were directed by the Council to examine a controversy grown among the inhabitants of Thetford and to report thereon. Co. Reg.*] *Incloses,*

11. I. *Particulars of the demeanor of Tho. Allen, Mayor of Thetford, and the rest of his associates, Wm. Davie, the chief author of all the factions, Wm. Stevenson, is a very wicked and incontinent man, and yet rejoiceth therein.*

11. II. *Causes of the controversies in the borough of Thetford, relative to their election of officers.*