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Aug. 16. Weymouth. 23. John Donne to Sir F. Walsyngham. News of the capture of the isle of St. Michael by the French. Engagement between the Spanish and the French fleet under the Count de Brisack, in the service of Don Antonio, in which the French lost ten ships.

Aug. 19. 24. Walsyngham to Burghley. The news of the defeat of Don Antonio was not known in Paris by the 13th instant, as he learnt from Horatio Palavicino. Money made over by way of exchange on Antwerp for the Duke [of Anjou]. Sickness of the Lord Chamberlain.

Aug. 21. Oatlands. 25. Same to same. The Earl of Shrewsbury has obtained permission to repair to the Court, on finding some confidential person to take his charge. He has nominated Mr. Worley, and the Queen desires his opinion as to his loyalty. The news of Don Antonio's defeat has not been confirmed.

Aug. 23. Oatlands. 26. Walsyngham to the Earl of Huntingdon (?) Explains a doubt as to the ordering of the stuff made in the mines during the sequestration, and the money to be paid to Lord Montjoy.

Aug. 24. 27. Names of the persons found at mass in the Marshalsea, in the chambers of Mr. Shelly, Mr. Pierpoint, and Mr. Denton. Their superstitious stuff, their abominable relics, and their vile books, have been taken away.

Aug. 24. Hook. 28. William Marquis of Winchester to Walsyngham. Desires that the writ of restitution directed to Mr. Bruncker, the sheriff, for delivery of possession of Edington Woods, in Wiltshire, may be stayed till the end of next term.

Aug. 25? 29. W. Williams to same. Secret advertisements. Intelligence procured by him from some Papists. Substance of his disclosures. All the hopes of the Papists are in Scotland. Lord Copley intended shortly to come over into England, and had sworn the death of all preachers and ministers. Dr. Allen is at Rheims, and hath great watch for English spies, &c.

Aug. 27. 30. Same to same. Secret advertisements. Further confessions of his notorious Papist. The Papists chiefly rely on the aid of Scotland. He states the Duke of Bedford to be a puritan, and keeps his pass-over every Easter. Discourse between the Queen and the French Ambassador on the subject of religion.

Aug. 27? 31. The confession of a servant of Sir Thos. Copley's, a papist, being prisoner at Rye. Vow of Copley to have every preacher and minister in England hanged in the church with the bell ropes. Secret writing with orange juice. His cunning deception in procuring a passport from Walsyngham. He was secretary to the Lady of Northumberland. [*Probably sent with the above letter.*]

Aug. 28. 32. Note of the remain of bullion and foreign coin in the Receipt of the Exchequer on the 28th of August.