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CLVII.

19. Gawen Smithe to Sir Fr. Walsyngham. Desires a trial may be made of his qualifications for the office of one of Her Majesty's Drummers. Enumerates the names of the marches he can sound on the drum: "besides all manner of daunces and "songes to be sounded on the Drumme, with the fyffe."

20. Petition of John Usher, Francis Taylor, and John Powell, to Lord Burghley, for the payment of the sum of 249*l.* 15*s.* 11*d.*, according to Her Majesty's direction.

21. Petition of the Master and Fellows of the Trinity House, Newcastle, to the Council. Complain of the Mayor and Aldermen for contempt shown by them upon an order of Mr. Justice Anderson and Mr. Justice Mead, for the settling of the controversy between them and the corporation of the town, as to the right of pilotage. Committal of one of the Trinity House, by the Mayor.

22. Articles of complaint by the City of London against the Lieutenant of the Tower, relative to several privileges illegally claimed and exercised by him: granting protections from arrest, holding courts of record within the Tower, perambulations and beating the bounds beyond his jurisdiction. The void ground where the scaffold standeth for execution of traitors, claimed by the City.

23. The answer of the Lieutenant of the Tower to the above articles of complaint, justifying all his acts and proceedings.

24. Answer of the Lieutenant of the Tower to other articles of complaint. Justifies the imprisonment of Shapley and Payne. The Tower being the chief fort Her Majesty hath, requires many privileges and martial jurisdiction. It has had a Court of Record ever since the 22d year of King Henry VII.

25. Proofs on behalf of Anthony Luther's claim to the lease of the Manor of Battylshall, in the suit between him and William Byrde.

26. Statement of the practices by which D. Lewen obtained the lease of the Manor of Battylshall, to the detriment of Wm. Byrde. Assignment to Anth. Luther.

27. Grant of arms by Sir Gilbert Dethicke, Garter, to Fabian Phillips, Esq. [*Fragment.*]

28. Certificate of the state of the Posts in Kent remaining unpaid for want of money. Addressed to Walsyngham, with a request for payment. The charge for the posts amounts only to 300*l.* for the whole realm.

29. Mr. Fitzjames to Sir John Yong. Exposes the slander reported of him, that he absented himself from the services of the Church, and had not received the Holy Communion since the Queen's accession.

30. Note of the standard value of silver bullion for coinage.