

A.D. 1568.

March 1.

prisoners, which causes them to be in such dislike with the Parisians that as rather they had the Prince of Condé's people should approach Paris as they.—Paris, 1 March. *Signed.*

*Add. Endd., with seal. P. 1.*

March 2. **2042.** SIR WILLIAM DRURY to CECIL.

1. Regarding the abatement of the posts wages he minds not to charge them above once in sixteen days, except great and very urgent cause be ministered to the contrary. Sends a scheme of small money for the relief of the poor, and the avoiding the receipt of so much base coin of Scotland. The silver that the Scots get from England they carry to their mint, and there for every five shillings gain they six. It is secretly bruited that the Bishop of St. Andrew's has conveyed himself into Dumbarton.—Berwick, 2 March 1567. *Signed.*

2. P.S.—Lesley has been apprehended and conveyed to Home Castle, finding with many letters, they say twenty or twenty-four packets.

*Add. Endd. Pp. 3.*

March 2. **2043.** SIR WILLIAM DRURY to CECIL.

So much of Cecil's letter as concerned his good disposition towards the Earl of Murray and his government he sent Scudamore to impart to him, for which he expresses his thanks and goodwill in return. Understands that six persons are confederated for the keeping of Dumbarton.—Berwick, 2 March 1567. *Signed: W. D.*

*Add. Endd. Pp. 1½.*

March 2. **2044.** SIGISMOND II. to the QUEEN.

Where she complains of those of Dantzic, he assures her they are not to blame, as he has himself interdicted all commerce with his enemy of Muscovy, and placed vessels to seize all ships doing so, which he has commanded to be impounded together with their cargoes.—Crusini [Kruswik], 3 March 1568. *Signed.*

*Add. Endd. Lat. Pp. 2½.*

March 4. **2045.** [The PRINCE OF ORANGE] to ———.

Complains of the bad return he has received for his services, and also that at present the most innocent may be rendered suspected and odious, by merely being reputed as heretics, whereby they are liable to be accused of rebellion and sedition. Denies the right of the Duke of Alva to be judge in his case, and claims the privileges of the Order. Offers to clear himself before the Emperor and the Electors.—Dillembourg, 4 March 1568.

*Copy. Endd. Fr. Pp. 4.*

March 4. **2046.** The REGENT MURRAY to DRURY.

Has received his letter and report touching the difficulties of the affairs of the Borders, for amendment of which he has