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just or reasonable ground, for no subject has had such favour in the like case as he has had. Before he departed out of the realm, he was never molested in the matter of religion, for which he pretends he absents himself, and after the time of his license expired he was upon his suit made by his own letters favourably borne withal. But finding no part of these favours could prevail with him, and hearing also his disposition to maintain certain lewd and seditious persons fled out of her realm under pretence of religion, she following the example of her predecessors, and expressly Queen Mary, "whose soul, &c." caused inquisition to be made of his goods and lands, and commanded them to be seized. Never caused a pennyworth of his goods to be taken for her own use, but relieved his wife with some convenient portion, and left all the rest in the hands of his friends and servants.

Draft in Cecil's writing. Endd. : 25 Feb. 1567. Pp. 3.

Feb. 28. **2029.** ADVICES from ITALY.

News from Rome of 28 Feb. 1568.

Endd. Ital. P. 3½.

Feb. 29. **2030.** The REGENT MURRAY to CECIL.

Prays him that in case any complaint shall occur for default of justice, or that attemptats shall happen to be done by any of Scotland against the Queen of England's subjects, that he will not suffer reports suddenly to be admitted as truth, but credit and judgment to be suspended until they may make their part known upon knowledge of the accusation.—Edinburgh, last of Feb. 1567. *Signed.*

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

Feb. 29. **2031.** PIETRO BIZARRI to CECIL.

Advices from Rome of 21 Feb. 1568. Present from the Pope to the Princess of Florence worth 3,000 crowns.—Vienna, 19 Feb. ; from Venice, 29 Feb. *Signed.*

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

Feb. 29. **2032.** The REPLY of the COUNT OF HOOGSTRATEN to the DUKE OF ALVA.

Has received his summons to answer charges against him, and notice that if he does not come he will be proceeded against in his absence. Complains that the publicity of the summons was likely to injure him. Appeals to the constitutions of the Order of the Golden Fleece, by which any member offending can only be tried by the Sovereign and the Order.—Cologne, 29 Feb. 1567.

Copy. Injured by damp. Fr. Pp. 6½.

Feb. 29. **2033.** The PRINCE OF ORANGE to the QUEEN.

Complains that the Duke of Alva under false pretexts of rebellion and sedition strives to extirpate and ruin those who are well affected towards the religion, and begs that she will

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not give credence to any charges that may be brought against him and the other Lords by the said Duke.—Dillembourg, 29 Feb. 1568. *Signed.*

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Feb. 29. 2034. ADVICES.

'News from Antwerp of 29 Feb., about the imprisonment of the Prince of Spain. From Venice, 15 Feb., of the preparation of the Turkish fleet.

Endd. Ital. P. 1.

Feb. 29. 2035. LEVY of SOLDIERS in GERMANY.

The writer (Dettloff Bromewolth) has been commanded by George Hans Palatine of the Rhine, to inform the Queen of England how he and other Princes had been directed by the Emperor to enrol soldiers, which they did to the number of 8,500 horsemen, and which the King of France very earnestly desired he might have in his service. When however the Palatine and his friends perceived that the Pope with the Kings of France and Spain had confederated themselves together for the destruction of the true religion throughout Europe, they esteemed it wrong to help in this matter, and decided that these forces should be offered to the Queen of England. If the Queen should agree to this, it will be well for her to send over one of her counsellors with full power to arrange matters. *Signed.*

Lat. Pp. 3½.

2036. Gives a list of the names of the colonels and captains of horse and foot. The total force amounting to 8,400 cavalry, and 105 ensigns of foot.

Endd. by Cecil: Ult^o Feb. 1567. Lat. Pp. 5. Enclosure.

March. 2037. ADVICES.

News from Vienna of 18 March ; Rome 20th ; and Mantua 21st.

Ital. Pp. 4.

March. 2038. The REGENT MURRAY to CECIL.

Has sent a herald to the King of Denmark, requiring that Bothwell may be sent into Scotland, but cannot get the same condescended to unless the Queen of England sends her letter to the King therefor. Prays him to extend this goodwill thereto, and that she may require the Ambassadors of France and Spain to procure their sovereigns' like letters to be sent into Denmark.—Edinburgh, March 1567. *Signed.*

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

March 1. 2039. LORD SCROPE to CECIL.

Has kept no day of March these twenty weeks. Being moved for redress of certain special bills, he wrote to Lord Herries to advertise him whether as yet the Regent Murray