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that he shall be true and obedient to the King for his Castle of Edinburgh. De Croc has intelligence with Athol and Huntley that they command all their followers to put their horses to hard meat, a thing strange at this time of year, and cause of great jealousy. It were good that Morton should be encouraged to continue his devotion and well doing. They be marvellous glad that the Queen has recalled her Ambassadors, and wish the French had none in England.—
Leith, 24 Sept. 1572. *Signed.*

Add. Endd. Pp. 1½.

Sept. 24. 569. JAMES HARVEY to SIR THOMAS GRESHAM.

1. Chiefly on commercial matters. Money being scarce the rate of interest is 15 per cent.—Antwerp, 18 Sept. 1572.

2. P.S.—Sends a copy of the composition of Mons, which the Duke of Alva has taken, and Count Ludovic has departed with his men with their armour.—Antwerp, 24 Sept. 1572. *Signed: James Harvie, junior.*

Add. Endd. P. 1.

Sept. 24. 570. The PRINCE OF ORANGE to LORD BURGHLEY.

Desires him to show favour to the bearer, M. De Boison, and to obtain for him an audience with the Queen.—From the Camp, 24 Sept. 1572. *Signed.*

Add. Endd. Fr. P. ½.

Sept. 25. 571. SECRET SERVICE MONEY.

A minute of receipts and payments by Sir Valentine Browne for certain extraordinary and secret causes, between Michaelmas 1571 and Michaelmas 1572. The total receipts are 5,100*l.*, and the payments 3,787*l.* 20*d.* To Sir William Drury for certain secret causes, and for his entertainment in Scotland, 1,500*l.* To the masters of several ships hired for espial service, 193*l.* 4*s.* To George Tottye in secret causes, 1,240*l.*, 100*l.* being paid by the Laird of Lochleven's brother. For clothes for the Earl of Northumberland 12*l.*, and for his charges at Berwick, 109*l.*, and for his conveyance to York, 66*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

Pp. 1½.

Sept. 25. 572. JUNIUS DE JONGE to KILLIGREW.

These treasons and horrible massacres which have been perpetrated in Paris and elsewhere in France serve for a ladder not to mount up to heaven to scrutinise the judgments of God, but rather to descend and contemplate the hearts of the traitors and wretched reptiles ("pauvres vermins") of this lower world, filled with an hypocrisy such as the world has never seen the like, or so horrible. These murders must show those who have even the least judgment that they intend to carry out their conspiracy against those of the true religion, according to the tenor of their Holy League. Urges