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Preserved among the Archives of

The City of London.

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P R E F A C E.

THE series of books preserved in the Town Clerk's Record Room, now known as the "Remembrancia," consists of nine volumes, embracing the period from 1580 (22nd Elizabeth) to 1664 (16th Charles II.). These archives contain copies of the correspondence between the Sovereigns, their Ministers, the Privy Council, the Lord Mayors, Courts of Aldermen, and Common Council, and many persons of distinction, upon matters relating to the government of the City, its rights, privileges, usages and customs, religion, trade and commerce, public buildings, markets, churches, &c.

The eventful epoch in the history of England over which the volumes extend, and the varied nature of the subjects treated of in the letters, naturally suggest the inference that many matters of national interest would be therein referred to.

The wars of Elizabeth, and the important aid rendered by the citizens in ships, men, and money, towards their successful conclusion; the numerous and frequently excessive claims made by that monarch upon their loyalty,—which (as is forcibly stated in some of their remonstrances) did not always produce adequate advantages to her subjects, whilst they impoverished and injured the trade and credit of the country; the monopolies granted to her favourites, and the

numerous applications for the appointment of Court candidates to Municipal offices, are the subjects of much of the earlier correspondence.

The era of the Stuarts, and the position occupied by the City in the troublous times of Charles I., and the Restoration of Charles II., afforded fruitful themes for frequent communications between the Crown, the Government, and the Civic Authorities.

The superior military organization of the City's forces—such as the Trained Bands, the Artillery Company, and other kindred bodies—at a time when the standing army was in its infancy, and viewed with disfavour by the people; the riches of the merchants,—which ever offered to the Crown the greatest facilities for borrowing money,—and their extensive trade with foreign countries, necessitating as it did the employment of a vast number of vessels and men, and thus affording in times of emergency a means of rapidly and effectually increasing the navy,—could not fail to enhance the power of the citizens in the councils of their Sovereign.

These combined considerations are found exerting their influence throughout the collection, and necessarily attach considerable importance, in an historic point of view, to the contents of the volumes.

The domestic and internal regulations of the City at a period when its manners, habits, and customs were undergoing rapid variations arising from the then recent changes in the religion of the people, and the growing pretensions of the trading community, also contribute to their value.

The preservation of the Peace; the visitation of the Plague, and the action of the Civic Authorities for its suppression; the opposition evinced by the magistrates to public plays, which they regarded with especial aversion as being the means of spreading infection, as incentives to riots and

disorders by apprentices and others, and as tending to the increase of vice and crime; the regulation of buildings with a view to the prevention of overcrowding in dwellings; the accumulation of corn and other grain in the City's stores for the use of the citizens in times of scarcity; the supply of water; the enactments with respect to the prices of provisions; and the restrictions imposed upon vintners, victualers, tavern-keepers, butchers, cooks, poulterers, and others—all in their degree augment the interest of the collection.

The earliest of these volumes appears to have been originally known under the title of "Letters from the Lords of the Councill, from A^o 1580 to 1592."

The first entry in the records of the Corporation referring to such a compilation is dated 6th February, 1570, 13th Elizabeth (Repertory 17, p. 101^B-102), when the office of Remembrancer was created, and Mr. Thomas Norton was appointed the first holder thereof, and is as follows:—

"Item.—This daye Thomas Norton, Gent., is admytted to be Remembrancer of this Cittye, accordinge to th' articles followinge, and was sworne officer accordinge to the othe followinge.

"He shall keape all the *Bookes* of the Cittye, suche as to his custodie shall be delivered by indenture betwene M^r Chamb^{len}, M^r Towne Clerk, and him.

"All suche matters concerninge the Cittye as usually have bene entred by —, he shall cause to be entred and engrossed with convenyent spede. All the matters conteyned in the *Bookes* concerninge th' affayres of the Cittye, w^{ch} *Bookes* shalbe in form aforesaid comytted to his custodie, he shall gather together and reduce the same into Indices, Tables, or Kalenders, wherby they may be more easily, readily, and orderly founde.

"All like matters hereafter to be engrossed he shall likewise reducc into Tables, and so contynewe the same from tyme to tyme during his enjoyeinge th'office.

"The said officer shalbe called the Remembrancer of the Cittye, and shall have place next —.

"Item.—It is ordered that he shall not make any Copies of any bookes or Recordes of this Cittye, for that the same apperteynith to the Towne Clerk, and

“ the foure Clerkes of the L. Maiors Court, nor shall not doc anythinge that shall or
“ may be in any wise prejudiciall to th’ office of the Towne Clerk, or entermeddle
“ with the same.”

The terms of the oath follow.

The next entry on the subject occurs on the 5th November, 1573; 15th Elizabeth; (Repertory 18, fol. 101):—

“ Item.—This daie it is ordered that all the L_{res} w^{ch} hereafter be sent unto
“ my Lord Maior and this Courte from the Quenes Ma^{tie} and Her Counsell shalbe
“ entred into a sev’al booke therefore provided verbatim.”

By another order, dated 10th December, 1579; 22nd Elizabeth; (Repertory 20, fol. 23^b), it will be seen that the Town Clerk was directed:—

“ To cause the answeares from henceforthe to be made of such L_{res} as shalbe
“ directed to this Court from any personage of honor or credit, to be entred in a
“ booke to be provided for that purpose.”

But in the following year the Remembrancer is again directed to discharge the duty (12th April, 1580; 22nd Elizabeth; Repertory 20, fol. 60):—

“ Item.—Yt was deereyd by this Co^rte that Mr. Norton shall from hence-
“ forthe engrosse the aunsweares of all L_{res} sent from this Co^rte for the affayres of
“ this Cyttye, to any p^{son} of honor or otherwyse; and orderyd by the same Co^rte,
“ that Mr. Chambleyn of the sayd Cyttye shall yearely paye from henceforthe
“ unto the sayd Mr. Norton for so longe tyme as he shall ingrosse the sayd L_{res}
“ the some of tenne powndes by the yeare at the fower usuall feastes accustomed
“ over and besydes suche stypend and salorye as hearetofore hathe bynne geven
“ and graunted unto hym by the same Co^rte.”

Upon the appointment of Dr. Fletcher as successor to Mr. Norton, on the 5th January, 1586; 29th Elizabeth (Repertory 21, pp. 384-5), there is an entry to the effect that he was to have the place lately enjoyed by Mr. Thomas Norton, Gent., deceased, at a salary of £50 per ann., but to be called Secretary to the Lord Mayor. His duties are set out: amongst others, he is required—

“ To attend and be reddye aswell in this Courte as at the Mansyon Howse
“ of the L. Maior for the tyme beinge when the L. Maior shall send for hym for

“ the wrytynge and ingrossyng of all suche l^{res} as from tyme to tyme shalbe
 “ sent from thys Courte or from the L. Maior for the tyme beinge to any
 “ person or persons whatsoever, And shall enter a trew Cope of cvery suche l^{re}
 “ in a booke of the Citytes to be provyded for that purpose. And also wryte
 “ the trewe Copies of all such l^{res} of importance as from time to time shalbe
 “ wrytten to this Co^rte and enter the same into the sayd booke.”

On the 19th August, 1594, 36th Elizabeth, (Journal 23, p. 301^B), it is stated that—

“ At this Co^en Counsell it is enacted graunted and agreed by the right
 “ Ho. the Lord Maior, the right wor^ull the Aldren his bretheren, and the Coens
 “ in this Coen Counsell assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that Mr. Gyles
 “ fletcher, Doctor of the Civill Lawes, shall in respect of his longe faithfull and
 “ diligent service heretofore, by him done and hereafter to be don to this citie,
 “ And alsoe in respect that he shall register and ingrosse into a booke all suche
 “ letters as shalbe written to this Court as well from the Queenes most excellent
 “ Ma^{tie}, as anye the LL’s of the privye counsell, and likewise all such answeares as
 “ shalbe made unto any of the same, have yearly paide unto him by Mr. Chamb-
 “ leine of this citie for the tyme beinge, the some of fiftye poundes sterlinge
 “ quarterly for so longe time as he shall well and honestlye demeane himselfe and
 “ doe and pforme the service of this Citie. The first payment thereof to begynne
 “ at Mich^{mas} next, over and above the yearely some of £50, heretofore graunted
 “ unto him by this Court.”

The origin of the Collection seems attributable, therefore, to one or other of these resolutions.

The following entry shows that there was a collection made by Mr. Thomas Norton, some time M.P. for and Remembrancer to the City of London, which appears to have found its way into the custody of the Chamberlain.

8th July, 1619; 17th James I.; (Repertory 34, p. 175^B):—

“ Item.—This daye Mr. Dios (Remembrancer) presented to this Court a
 “ booke of l^{res} entred fairelye by Mr. Norton in the tyme he was Remembrancer
 “ to this Citty, wth the receipt of w^{ch} Booke Mr. Chamberlen chargeth himself.
 “ And it is ordered by this Court that Mr. Chamberlen shall paye unto the said
 “ Mr. Dios the some of £7 14s. 0d. w^{ch} he formerlye disbursed to obteyne the
 “ booke into his handes, beinge sould to a Broker.”

Nearly the whole of the first volume is apparently in one handwriting, the earlier letters not being entered in

chronological order. This may, therefore, be the collection of Mr. Norton referred to, more especially as a break occurs about the time of his death, which is said to have taken place in 1584. The last entry prior to that date is of the 13th February, 1583. There is then a blank leaf, and upon the following page is inscribed a Letter of the 19th January, 1586, to the Queen (Elizabeth), announcing the appointment, in accordance with her desire, of Dr. Fletcher as his successor, who apparently continued the work. Volumes iii. to vii. consist of a number of small books bound together, each one containing the entries of the Letters of a Mayoralty, and having on the title-page the name by which they are known, "*Remembrancia*," and that of the Remembrancer for the time being who compiled them.

Volumes viii. and ix., however, afford no clue to their authors.

The first two books were bound in their present form under the directions of Mr. Serjeant Merewether, the late Town Clerk, the second one having apparently up to his time been in several parts, whilst the first bore the title already mentioned, "Letters from the Lords of the Council, &c.;" he, however, from the similarity of their contents, gave them the same title as the others.

To Volume i. a Calendar, with an Index, was compiled by Mr. T. Brewer, Secretary of the City of London School, formerly in the Town Clerk's Office, which he has presented to the Library.

The indexes now published are those to vols. ii. and viii. of the series. The figures in the margin refer to the numbers of the letters, and not to the page.

Their publication has been ordered by the Corporation upon the recommendation of the Library Committee, under the circumstances stated in their report on the Records

presented to the Common Council on the 16th December, 1869, the consideration of which was adjourned, the report, with all its Appendices, being in the meantime ordered to be printed, under the direction of the Committee.

“ The series consist of nine volumes, which date from 1580 to 1664; of these six were found to possess indexes which are little better than mere tables of contents, and afford no satisfactory clue to the student who may have to refer to them for municipal or historical purposes;—one, a Calendar, and two (volumes ii. and viii.) were entirely unindexed.

“ The first stage of our proceedings, therefore, was to direct that a full Analytical Index of volumes ii. and viii. should be prepared, which was accordingly done, and the interesting and valuable nature of their contents, as now first brought to light, induces us to recommend that indexes, upon a similarly exhaustive plan, should be compiled of the remaining volumes of the series, and that it be referred to us to prepare and print the same, with authority to send copies to every member of this Court, the learned Societies, Public Libraries, &c. &c.”

The present compilation, therefore, in the event of the Corporation authorizing the completion upon a similar plan of the indexes of the remaining volumes of the series, would form part of a larger work, and be inserted in chronological order therein.

W. H. OVERALL, *Librarian.*

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Library, Guildhall, December, 1869.

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1593 (35 *Elizabeth*) to 1609 (7 *James I.*)

ALDERMEN.

No. 165. Letter from the Aldermen to Mr. Alderman Skinner,* informing him of Her Majesty's desire that Mr. Alderman Billingsley† should not be elected to the office of Lord Mayor for the following year, and requesting him to repair to London not later than the 7th or 9th of September, to confer with them touching his election to that office.

1st September, 1596.

No. 201. Letter from King James I. to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, complaining of their conduct in committing Thomas Middleton‡ to Newgate, for refusing to serve the office of Alderman, to which he had been chosen, and directing them to release him immediately, as he is at pre-

* Sir Thomas Skinner, elected Alderman of Bishopsgate, 27th Sept., 1587; made Alderman of Cripplegate, July 26, 1596; Sheriff, 1587; Lord Mayor, 1596.

† Sir Henry Billingsley, elected Alderman of Candlewick, Feb. 26, 1592 Sheriff, 1584; Lord Mayor, 1596.

‡ Elected Alderman of Queenhithe, and sworn 23rd May, 1603.

sent employed in an important service for the State, which privileged him from private service.

6th June (the first year of his reign), 1603.

No. 223. Letter from the Lord Mayor (Sir Robert Lee) and the Aldermen to the Lord High Treasurer, upon the removal of Sir Richard Martin, Knight,* from his Aldermanship, on account of his unfitting demeanor and carriage.

20th December, 1602.

No. 237. Petition of the Lord Mayor and Aldermen to the King (James I.), informing him that Thomas Middleton, having been elected an Alderman of the City, had refused to take the oath of office, alleging that he was privileged and exempted by virtue of his office of Surveyor of Customs, and that they had committed him to Newgate, according to their oath and the customs of the City.

Sans date.

No. 238. Petition of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty to the King (James I.), in answer to his Majesty's letter to dispense with the services, both now and hereafter, of Sir Thomas Hayes, Knight,† who had been lately elected an Alderman, upon the payment of a fine, and informing him that it is not usual to dispense with the services of any one elected to the office of Alderman, unless on account of inability of body or estate, which they know not to be the case with this gentleman, and begging His Majesty to confirm their proceedings.

Sans date.

No. 253. Letter from the Lord Mayor and the Court of Aldermen to the King (James I.), stating that being before required by

* Elected Alderman of Farringdon Within, May 29, 1578; Sheriff, 1581; Lord Mayor, 1588. He was also Master of the Mint.

† Elected Alderman of Bishopsgate, 22nd Dec., 1603.

him to spare Sir Baptist Hickes, Knight,* from nomination or election to the place of Alderman in the City, they had obeyed, but at this time the Commons of a Ward where an Alderman is wanting had nominated him, as having a special liking of him, and urged it the more because he had promised two years ago, if spared, he would be willing to serve, which time being now expired, they are desirous of electing him to that office, and praying his Majesty's permission to do so.

Sans date.

No. 293. Letter from the Lord Mayor to Mr. Alderman Blinckoe,† informing him that the inhabitants of the Ward of Aldgate had lately nominated him, among others, for Alderman of that Ward, and that the Court of Aldermen had chosen him thereto, and directing him to appear before the next Court to take upon him that office.

3rd July, 1607.

No. 334. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Alderman elect of Farringdon Ward, commanding him to attend the Court of Aldermen to be sworn in, notwithstanding the excuse he had lately offered.

29th November, 1608.

(*See* Mayor, Nos. 178, 242, and 260.)

APPRENTICES.

No. 141. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, containing the report upon the case of Lawrence Hunter and his late master, John Bilby, referred to the Aldermen on the 5th of October last.

22nd January, 1595.

(*See* Riots, Nos. 97 and 110.)

* Knighted by James I., 1607; elected Alderman of Bread Street, Nov. 12, 1611; created a Baronet, 1st July, 1620, and afterward made Viscount Campden by Charles I., 1628.

† Elected Alderman of Aldgate, July 2, 1607.

ARCHERY.

No. 249. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, inclosing a petition from the Bowyers and Fletchers, and other poor Companies belonging to Archery, complaining of the disorders and abuses daily committed against their trade, and the good order of the City, through the practice of unlawful games in common bowling-alleys by reason of the Letters Patent obtained from His Majesty by Mr. Cornwallis under false pretences for maintaining the exercise of shooting, and praying that a renewal of the licence may not be granted.

6th December, 1604.

BOOKS.

No. 327. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, concerning a search to be made for some persons about this City, now busied in translating a *scandalous book* against the State, and reporting the capture of two books which are sent for their inspection, sealed up in a canvas bag. The books are entitled "*Elizabethæ Angliæ Reginae, &c., Sævissimum in Catholicos Edictum, &c.*," with a translation in twenty-three double sheets of paper, written; also "Cartewrights" in English, and a Genealogie of the King's Majesty, and a written treatise. The two men apprehended are called William Rustate, and William Valence, the translator, who are committed to prison, where they will remain until their Lordships' pleasure be known.

14th August, 1608.

BRIDGEHOUSE.

No. 286. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Earl of Kynlosse* in reply to his letter on behalf of William Wiles, a butcher

* Edward Lord Bruce, Baron of Kinlosse, one of the Scotch favourites of James 1st., appointed Master of the Rolls, May 18th, 1603.

of this City, concerning a tenement of the Bridgehouse Rents, and stating that it had been long since leased to one Cannons.

Sans date.

BROKERS.

No. 213. Letter from the Lord Mayor and Aldermen to the Attorney-General,* with respect to a Bill which had been brought into Parliament for reforming the abuses practised by brokers within the City, and had been referred to a Committee of the Upper House, but no further steps had been taken by them; and soliciting his good offices to assist in bringing the matter to a speedy termination.

1st December, 1601.

No. 214. From the same to the Lord Chief Justice upon the same subject

Sans date.

BUILDINGS.

No. 17. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, to prevent the erecting and overcrowding of small tenements within the City, and for the Aldermen and their deputies in the various wards to make search, and in cases of overcrowding to remove the inmates, according to the statute † lately passed for that purpose.

5th October, 1593.

No. 65. Letter from the Lord Mayor to Lord Rich, ‡ requesting him to use his influence with one Young, Her Majesty's freemason, to discontinue an encroachment on the Highway in *Long Lane*.

30th July, 1594.

No. 149. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, upon the complaint of Baptist Hicks, against

* Sir Edward Coke. † 35 Elizabeth, c. 6. ‡ Afterwards Earl Warwick.

William Priestley, for erecting a building in *Bread Street*, to the annoyance of his neighbours; and recommending that the matter in dispute be referred to trial.

9th March, 1595.

No. 190. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, requiring them to put into execution Her Majesty's late proclamation against the erection of *New Buildings*, and divided tenements, and for committing to prison all persons found transgressing the said proclamation.

11th July, 1602.

No. 261. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, with a return as ordered by them, of the new buildings lately erected and now being erected in the City and suburbs, contrary to the order of their lordships and the Star Chamber.

25th March, 1606.

No. 263. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, reporting the examination into a cause concerning the repairing and altering of an ancient *brew-house* in Southwark, by Nicholas Park, into several small tenements, contrary to the orders of the board, and recommending that he may divide it into not more than three tenements, but that this should not be drawn into a precedent.

May, 1606.

No. 272. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer (the Earl Dorset),* acknowledging the receipt of a letter from him concerning a building erected by Humphrey Hall, prejudicial to the Common Hall of the Innholders, and informing him that he had ordered the four sworn

* Edward Sackville, fourth Earl.

viewers to inspect the same; who reported that it was built according to the custom of the City, &c.

Sans date.

No. 343. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Countess Dowager of Darby, in reply to a letter received from her ladyship on behalf of her servant George Pendleton, concerning a house which the said servant had divided into twenty-one tenements, to the danger of infection, and against the proclamation of His Majesty; informing her that, although he had been frequently admonished, he still refused to reduce the tenements to four, and that proceedings would be taken to compel him to conform to the order.

10th February, 1608.

No. 354. Letter from the King (James I.) to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, congratulating them upon the care bestowed upon the walks of *Moorfields*,* the re-edifying of *Aldgate*, and the reparation of divers churches of the City, also calling their attention to the state of the steeple of St. Paul's Cathedral, and offering the sum of £500, as a free gift towards the works, if they will take them in hand; and further appointing a commission to inquire into the expenditure of the benevolences given towards the restoration of the Cathedral.

24th July (in the first year of his reign), 1603.

BUTCHERS.

No. 130. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the number of butchers licenced to kill flesh during Lent within the City and liberties.

4th January, 1595.

* See page 81.

No. 146. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Earl of Essex, explaining the reasons why Andrew Woodcock was not appointed among the number of butchers to kill flesh in Lent.

7th February, 1595.

No. 148. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, touching the application of the Queen's musicians to licence two butchers for this Lent time, above the number ordered by the Privy Council.

2nd March, 1595.

No. 226. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Admiral, in answer to his communication soliciting a butcher's place during this Lent for his servant, and informing him of the orders received from the Council thereon.

20th January, 1602.

CARTS AND CARMEN.

No. 176. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, inclosing a petition from the Governors of Christ's Hospital, concerning the recent decision of the Court of King's Bench against the validity of the acts of Common Council, committing the ordering and appointing of carrs and carriages within the City to the said Governors, setting forth the great inconvenience which has arisen therefrom, and praying that these acts of Common Council, ordered and ratified after consultation with Her Majesty's Officers of the Board of Green Cloth, may not be brought to trial in any other of Her Majesty's Courts of Justice, nor examined by such strict laws, as may impeach their force and authority within the City.

30th June, 1601.

No. 177. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, acknowledging the receipt of the petition above mentioned, and stating that they have determined to hold a conference with the Lord Chief Justice upon the recent decision, and in the meantime that they fully approve of the orders heretofore in use, and recommend the same to be continued, and charge the carmen in the name of Her Majesty to disobey them at their peril.

26th July, 1601.

No. 212. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, certifying the great disorder arising in the City, by the refusal of the carmen to obey the order made by the City, and carried out by the Governors of Christ's Hospital, for their management, and ordered to be enforced by their Lordships.

30th June, 1601.

No. 216. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, concerning the great increase to the number of carts and carriages, and certifying to them the refusal of the Woodmongers to obey the orders issued for the good government of the traffic within the City.

28th February, 1601.

No. 248. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, informing them of the steps taken in the complaint made against the cart-takers.

23rd November, 1604.

No. 262. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, as to the supply of 200 carts, with two horses to each, for the removal of His Majesty's (James I.) effects to Greenwich.

(*See Public Affairs.*)

No. 264. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, touching the complaints of the carmen.

31st May, 1606.

No. 274. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Chamberlain (the Earl of Suffolk)* soliciting him to pay the charges due to the hackneymen and coachmen who removed the King of Denmark and his train during his abode in England.

12th October, 1606.

No. 279. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Admiral, concerning the cart-taker's place, lately void.

(See Offices and Officers.)

No. 315. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Board of Green Cloth, complaining that the Justices of the County of Surrey have rated the carmen of the City inhabiting in Southwark, together with other inhabitants of the borough, towards a composition for the carrying of sea coal for the provision of His Majesty's house, and stating that the Borough of Southwark was never taken for any part of the county of Surrey, but hath always been reputed a borough of itself, and accordingly been known and called by the name of the King's Borough, whereby the Justices of that county have never had power to demand contributions for a charge whereunto the county standeth liable, and that the borough is under the government of the City; and besides, that the carmen of the City are much employed in carrying provisions, &c., not only within London, but to Nonsuch, Richmond, &c., and requesting the Board to spare the carmen and the inhabitants of the Borough the contribution.

31st March, 1608.

* Thomas Howard, created Earl of Suffolk, K.G., 1603.

No. 323. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Board of Green Cloth, acknowledging their letter touching the jurisdiction and government of the Borough of Southwark, which is thought fit to be heard and determined by the Justices of Assize, and requesting the City to send some fit person to attend them upon it, and stating that the Borough of Southwark hath been anciently annexed to the government of this City by special grant from the Kings of this Realm, and that the Lord Mayor has no power to refer the hearing to the Justices of Assize, and further that the service of the carmen dwelling in the Borough does not depend upon this difference; that the carmen of this City were incorporated by Letters Patent (15 Henry VIII.) and the number fixed at 400, 100 dwelling in the Borough of Southwark, 200 in the skirts of this City, within the County of Middlesex, and 100 on the wood wharves of this City; that if it is thought fit that those 100 carts dwelling in Southwark shall contribute to the service of Surrey, why not the 200 for the service of Middlesex? leaving only 100 to carry on the trade of the City, and that it was not required in the composition for Middlesex that the carmen of London dwelling there should perform anything towards the same, and requesting their Lordships not to alter the present arrangements, which have worked well for the service of His Majesty.

10th June, 1608.

No. 332. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council concerning the evil practice of persons not licensed carmen setting up carts, whereby the number will grow to such an immoderate excess as to impede the traffic of the streets, and reporting that he had bound over one Blincorne, a carpenter, to appear to answer the offence before their Lordships.

22nd November, 1608.

No. 333. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council. That it pleased their Lordships, upon the complaint of the Woodmongers and carmen, when they were under the control of the Governors of Christ Hospital, to order and decree that every person trading with carts should pay four nobles a year, together with four shillings by way of quarterage for a single cart, and so rateably for the rest, and that every Woodmonger should pay four marks yearly towards the finding of a long cart for His Majesty's service, as was usually paid time out of mind; since which time it has been thought fit to commit the government of the said carmen unto the Woodmongers, and that every person using carts shall pay yearly 13s. 4d. for a single cart, together with 4s. for quarterage and no more, and that the number of carts shall not exceed 400, and praying for the better government thereof, that their Lordships will confirm this agreement.

28th November, 1608.

No. 344. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Board of Green Cloth, with reference to the providing of long carts for the Royal service by the keepers of the Woodwharves and the Company of Woodmongers.

19th February, 1608.

CLOTH.

No. 179. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, ordering that, on account of the abuses existing in the cloth trade, all cloths brought to the City shall be tried by skilful searchers, and sold at Blackwell Hall; * and that all ropes, rings, wrenches, and the lower bars of the tenters be abolished.

31st May, 1601.

* Appointed as a weekly market for woollen cloths, 20 Richard II., 1397; destroyed in the fire of 1666, rebuilt 1672, removed 1820.

No. 174. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, acknowledging the receipt of their lordships' letters concerning bad and false making of cloths, and directing that all cloths brought to this City to be sold should be brought to Blackwell Hall, to be tried by skilful searchers of the City, and for the abolishing and taking of all rings, ropes, and wrenches, with the lower bars of the tenters, whereby much deceit is used, and reporting the steps taken in compliance therewith.

24th June, 1601.

No. 182. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, complaining of their neglect in not carrying out the orders of the Council concerning the abuse of stretching cloths on the tenters, which is practised in no other country in Christendom, but here and in the Low Countries, by tradition from here, and commanding them, without further delay, to see their former directions in this matter absolutely performed; and also to appoint a person on behalf of the French merchants, to search the cloths at Blackwell Hall.

16th August, 1602.

No. 198. Letter from Richard Powlett, Francis Palmer, and others, Justices of the Peace for Basingstoke, to the Lord Treasurer, Thomas Lord Buckhurst, complaining that cloths searched in that town by officers appointed by the Council are again searched in London, to the great hindrance of business; and requesting his Lordship to appoint some one, if the same be necessary, to search the cloths, and to certify the results to the bailiffs of the town, in order that if there be any defects, the same may be remedied.

19th January, 1602.

No. 199. Letter from John Tey, Her Majesty's Alnager* for

* A sworn officer, whose duty was to inspect, measure, and seal woollen cloth. The office was abolished by 11 and 12 Will. III. c. 20, 1700.

London, to the Lord Treasurer, in answer to the complaint of the Justices of Basingstoke, as to the unlawful searching of cloths.

13th February, 1602.

No. 200. Letter from the Lord Buckhurst, Lord Treasurer, to the Lord Mayor, upon the complaint of the Justices of Basingstoke, and the answer of Her Majesty's Alnager thereto, and requesting his advice upon the whole matter.

14th February, 1602.

No. 209. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, enclosing a petition from the Clothworkers of London, complaining that the reformation of tenters is not general throughout this realm, and that cloth sent to the City rough is sent back to the country to be dressed, to the great impoverishment of the petitioners.

6th September, 1601.

No. 230. Letter of the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, in answer to the complaint of the Justices of the Peace, that cloths made at Basingstoke, and searched and sealed there, were afterwards again searched at London, and stating that he had called before him the searchers, and inquired fully into the charge, and further, that he found by the Statute 39 of Elizabeth, it is provided that all cloth coming to the common market at Blackwell Hall, shall be searched and sealed, notwithstanding it may have been so examined in the country.

Sans date.

No. 284. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the want of room for the cloths at Blackwell Hall; and informing him, that to remedy this ill-convenience, it has been decided to remove the linen cloths, and to enlarge the hall as much as possible.

20th April, 1607.

No. 356. Letter from the Lord Salisbury* to the Lord Mayor, complaining of the quality of the cloth lately sent to France, and informing him of a treaty made between the two countries, and His Majesty's desire to establish a company of merchants for carrying on trade with that country, and directing him to hold a conference with the governors of the several companies of merchants in this City upon the subject, and report thereon.

3rd August, 1609.

COALS.

No. 105. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, requesting them to use their authority for the reforming of the abuses existing among sea-coal owners of Newcastle, who, having taken on lease the common pits (six in number) granted to that town by the Bishop of Durham, do suffer them to be unused, and work their own *private pits*, whereby a less quantity and worse quality are imported, to the increased expense of the poor.

4th October, 1595.

No. 132. Causes of enhancing the price and impairing the goodness of sea-coal by the town of Newcastle.

Sans date.

No. 133. Remedies for reforming these abuses.

Sans date.

No. 134. Reply to the answer made by Henry Mitford and Henry Chapman, in the name of the Mayor and Aldermen of Newcastle, touching the abuses committed in the prices and mixture of sea-coal.

Sans date.

* Robert Cecil, eldest son of Lord Burghley by his second wife, Mildred, daughter of Sir Anthony Coke; Principal Secretary of State, 1596; created Viscount Cranbourn, August 20th, 1604, and the first Earl of Salisbury, K.G., May, 4th 1605.

No. 135. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Mayor and Aldermen, &c., of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, informing them that the Lords of the Council had issued a commission to inquire into the abuses existing in the coal trade in the town of Newcastle, which has caused great loss both to this city and that town.

21st January, 1595.

No. 136. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Bishop of Durham, upon the same subject.

3rd February, 1595.

No. 137. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Mayor and Aldermen of the town of Newcastle, being a second letter upon the appointment of a commission to inquire into the abuses existing in the coal trade there.

4th February, 1595.

No. 138. Appointment of Mr. Christopher Lerven* (Lewen) by the City of London as their Commissioner for inquiring into the abuses existing in the coal trade of Newcastle.

15th February, 1595.

No. 139. Instructions to be pursued by the Commissioners appointed by the City of London, touching the reformation of the price and mixture of pit-coal.

Signed by STEPHEN SLANEY, Mayor.
 NICHOLAS MOSLEY.
 BENEDICT BARNHAM.

Sans date.

No. 152. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, informing them that the City had appointed Christopher Lewen and Henry Sanderson, of Newcastle,

* See marginal note in the volume.

as Commissioners to inquire into the price and mixture of sea-coal in that town, and of the refusal of the Mayor and Aldermen of Newcastle to appoint two Commissioners on their behalf, as ordered by the Council, and requesting them to direct the Lord Bishop of Durham to proceed with the examination of witnesses, &c.

31st March, 1596.

No. 153. Letter of thanks from the Lord Mayor to Mr. Henry Sanderson, of Newcastle, for the trouble he has taken in the matter of the mixture of coal, and appointing him one of the Commissioners for the City.

1st April, 1596.

No. 161. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, complaining that the Mayor and Aldermen of the town of Newcastle still refuse to appoint two Commissioners to assist the Bishop of Durham, and the two Commissioners selected by the City, in the inquiry into the abuses practised in that town by the pitowners and others in the mixture and price of coal, and praying the Council to consider the inconvenience likely to ensue to the poor of the whole realm by the continued contempt of their former orders thereon.

17th July, 1596.

No. 181. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, directing them to inquire into the causes of the excessive price of coals brought from Newcastle and the North, whether it be by engrossing or no, and what reasonable price, according to their judgment, should be allowed to the coastmen bringing coals, and whether the companies could be moved to purchase a stock in the summer, and issue them to the poor in the winter, at the same rates, and so to keep down the price.

17th July, 1601.

No. 202. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, enclosing answers to the instructions forwarded by them, to inquire into the causes of the excessive price of sea-coal.

July, 1601.

No. 255. Petition of the Lord Mayor and Aldermen to the Lord High Treasurer, touching the grant of 4,000 chaldrons of sea-coal yearly from Newcastle, free of impost, for the poor of the City.

Sans date.

COMPANIES.

No. 16. Letter from Sir John Puckering,* Lord-Keeper, to the Lord Mayor, requesting him to see that William Warren, lately chosen Master of the Musicians' Company, but prevented from the peaceful exercise of his office by some of the members of that Company, be not further interfered with.

29th September, 1594.

No. 100. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, giving an account of the proceedings taken by direction of his Lordship against the Company of Merchant Adventurers† for the disbursement of the sum of £50, required "*in prest*" by Captain Swan for the charges of the shipping of certain poor men to the Low Countries, which they refuse to disburse, and stating that in the meanwhile the poor men continue in Bridewell and Southwark.

27th June, 1595.

No. 251. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, reporting the steps taken at their request by the

* Appointed Lord-Keeper by Queen Elizabeth, April 27, 1592.

† Incorporated by King Edward 1st, 1296.

Court of Aldermen to restore Thomas Elliott to his office of Master of the Pewterers' Company, from which he had been formerly removed.

6th February, 1604.

No. 252. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, informing their Lordships that the Pewterers' Company had agreed to receive Thomas Elliott again into his office of Master of the Company, upon his giving bond to the Company for such plate and other matters of charge as by his office were to be committed unto him, which custom is observed in many companies; that at first he refused to do as they required; some fresh objections being, however, taken against him, they have presented a petition, signed by two hundred of the Company, praying that he may not be put upon them, but that they may have free choice of such as are to hold the place of government amongst them.

17th March, 1604.

No. 273. Letter from the Lord Mayor to Sir Edward Cooke,* Knt., Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, touching the Charter lately granted to the Cutlers' Company, and complaining that this new Charter was contrary to the usage and custom of this ancient City, and requesting him to examine and report upon the differences between the Old and New Charter.

12th October, 1606.

No. 282. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, inclosing a report from the Court of Aldermen touching

* Edward Coke, elected Recorder of London, Jan. 11, 1591 (Repertory 22, fol. 342b); Solicitor-General, June 16, 1592; Speaker of the House of Commons, 1593; Attorney-General, April 10, 1594; Treasurer of the Inner Temple, 1596; Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, June 30, 1606; Chief Justice of the King's Bench, Oct. 25, 1613; sworn of the Privy Council, Nov. 4, 1613.

the differences between the Company of Skinners and the Artizan Skinners referred to them by their Lordships.

19th March, 1606.

No. 303. Letter from the Lord Mayor to Lord Chief Justice Flemming,* touching the suit to be brought before him in the King's Bench, by Nicholas Lowe, against Thomas Beckford, master of the Blacksmiths' Company, for proceedings against the said Lowe, who was carrying on the trade of a smith, not being free of the City, and requesting his Lordship to refer the suit to the Court of Aldermen for them to inquire into.

23rd January, 1607.

No. 305. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, inclosing a petition from the Grocers' Company, complaining that His Majesty hath been pleased, for the redress of a great annoyance occasioned by the making of starch, to grant Letters Patent for the incorporation of certain persons allowed and using the trade of starch-making into one company, whereby the price of that article will be much increased, and great annoyance and inconvenience caused to the citizens.

5th February, 1607.

DEBTS.

No. 144. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, that, having called before him and his brethren the Aldermen (according to the directions received from their Lordships), John Parker, merchant, and Adrianson Marrmer, of *Flushing*, touching a debt for freight of 110 tuns of wine,

* Elected Recorder of London, March 27, 1594 (Repertory 23, fol. 196); appointed Solicitor-General, Nov. 6, 1595; created Chief Baron of the Exchequer by James 1st, Oct. 27, 1604; and Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench, June 25, 1607.

and 1,500 French crowns lent to Parker at the town of Bordeaux, which upon examination they found he intended to defraud the said Marrmer of, they had caused the wine to be put in safe keeping, and committed Parker to the Compter until their Lordship's pleasure should be made known.

5th February, 1595.

No. 265. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Board of Green Cloth as to the arrears of some composition due to Mr. William Barrett, his Majesty's late grocer, from certain merchants of the City, and informing them that the said merchants are willing to pay such arrears according to the rates of composition agreed upon with their Lordships in the 40th year of her late Majesty's reign.

Sans date.

No. 266. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council on the same subject.

18th June, 1606.

No. 267. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord Treasurer of the Board of Green Cloth as to the reported refusal of John Mons, merchant, to pay certain rates of composition, and to supply spice for His Majesty's household, as is alleged against him by William Barrett.

21st June, 1606.

No. 297. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council concerning the assignment of debts in the City, and the evils accruing therefrom.

Sans date.

No. 331. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Chancellor,* acknowledging the receipt of his Lordship's letter,

* Thomas Egerton, appointed Solicitor-General, June 28, 1581; Attorney-General, June 2, 1592; Knighted, 1593; Master of the Rolls, April 10, 1594; Lord-Keeper, 1596; Lord Chancellor and Baron Ellesmere by James 1st, July 19, 1603; Viscount Brackley, 1616; died, March 15, 1617.

inclosing a petition from the creditors of John Garrett, and stating that he had called before him the petitioners, and with their consent appointed William Cockem and William Greenewell arbitrators for Garrett, and Lawrence Greene and Andrewe Elym for Henry Den, and reporting their award.

12th October, 1608.

No. 335. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Chancellor (Ellesmere), reporting the steps taken with the creditors of George Flawne.

— November, 1608.

No. 336. Further letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Chancellor upon the same subject.

17th December, 1608.

No. 338. Letter from the Lord Mayor and Aldermen to the Lord Chancellor, reporting the reference of the suit pending between Sir Leonard Halliday* and Sir William Romney† and Thomas Farrington to certain Aldermen agreed upon between the parties.

24th December, 1608.

No. 339. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Chancellor upon the same subject as Letters 335 and 336.

8th January, 1608.

No. 341. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Chancellor concerning the forfeiture of the security of Wilken-son, who became bound to John Langley for the debt of James Swinton, with his report thereon.

19th January, 1608.

* Elected Alderman of Portsoken, July 17, 1594; Sheriff, 1595; Lord Mayor, 1605.

† Elected Alderman of Portsoken, Dec. 18, 1602; Sheriff of London, 1603.

No. 352. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord Chancellor, reporting upon the reference as to the arrangements made with the creditors of William Eldershawe.

10th October, 1609.

No. 358. Letter from the Earl of Lennox* to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen concerning the complaint against one William Peirson, a merchant of the City, by Zachary Lyming, Alderman of Salisbury, and requesting that he may be ordered to give such satisfaction as justice and equity demand.

22nd August, 1609.

DYERS.

No. 280. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Master of the Horse (the Earl of Worcester, K.G.)† concerning James Hoseman, a servant of his Lordship, who had resided in the City for twenty-four years, and carried on the trade of a dyer of black silk; that upon a complaint being made of the fraudulent way in which black silk had been lately dyed in the City, an inquiry was instituted, and all persons not being dyers by trade were ordered to cease such occupation; and it appeared that this Hoseman was a silk-weaver.

15th February, 1606.

No. 296. The petition of Christopher Hamond, his Majesty's ancient and faithful servant, to the King, complaining of the prohibition issued by the Lord Mayor to restrain silkmen or dyers from dyeing certain silks within the City, and praying that a patent to dye silk, called "London silk," or "lyght waight silk," may be granted to him,—with the order of the King to the Mayor, Recorder, and

* Created July 31, 1583. He attended James VI. to England on his accession in 1603. Made Earl of Richmond, Oct. 6, 1613; Duke of, May 17, 1623.

† Sir Edward Somersct, 4th Earl of, notable for his horsemanship.

some of the Aldermen to consider the convenience of his suit, 29th May, 1607, and a copy of their report, recommending that the former order of the Lord Mayor be enforced.

6th October, 1607.

No. 337. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council upon the complaint of the dyers of silk within the City of London, and praying that search may be made in the country for silks dyed contrary to the orders issued.

17th December, 1608.

ECCLESIASTICAL AND THEOLOGICAL.

No. 36. Letter from the Earl of Essex to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, recommending Mr. Broughton to preach in the great assemblies for the public good, and that a competent allowance be made to him.

14th October, 1594.

No. 88. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord Bishop of London, acknowledging the receipt of a Letter from the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, as to the placing of certain Priests or Singing Ministers within Christchurch besides Newgate Market, in the place of the present preaching Ministers, assuring his Lordship that the Complainants are but a few of the Inhabitants, and begging his Lordship to consider the effect of such an example within the City.

14th March, 1594.

No. 89. Reasons why the Preaching Ministers, allowed by the City in Christchurch Parish, should not be removed, and Singing Ministers supplied in their place.

Sans date.

No. 90. Answer of the Lord Mayor to the Letter of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, enclosing a petition from the Inhabitants of the Parish of Christchurch within Newgate, complaining of the alteration in the manner of performing Divine Service in the said Church, and beseeching their Lordships to restore the former Service, according to the foundation and the order prescribed in the Communion Book.

17th March, 1594.

No. 309. Letter from the Lord Mayor to Dr. Pilkington, requesting him to preach the Spital Sermon on Monday in Easter Week.

11th February, 1607.

No. 361. Letter from the King to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, soliciting the presentation to the Church of St. Peter's in Cornhill, vacant by the death of Mr. Doctor Mylward, for Theophilus Field, Chaplain of his Majesty's Household.

1st October, 1609.

FOREIGN BOUGHT AND FOREIGN SOLD.

No. 247. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer (the Earl of Dorset), acknowledging the receipt of his letter, requesting information concerning certain *strangers'* goods seized upon as *foreign* bought and *foreign* sold, and informing him that, after calling before him the complainants, he was of opinion that the *poor man** had been drawn into the transaction, and recommending that no further steps should be taken.

20th October, 1604.

* No name mentioned.

FREEDOM.

- No.* 7. Letter from the Earl of Essex* to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, soliciting them to admit one Colquite to the Freedom.
9th February, 1593.
- No.* 8. Letter from the Earl of Essex to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, soliciting them to admit Lawrence Hethercampe to the Freedom.
16th June, 1594.
- No.* 9. Letter from Lord Hunsdon† to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, soliciting them to admit his servant, Richard Gauntlet, to the Freedom of the City in the Armourers' Company.
30th July, 1594.
- No.* 10. Letter from Lord Howard‡ to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and others, soliciting the Freedom for Thomas Stevenson.
1st August, 1594.
- No.* 12. Letter from Lord Howard to the Lord Mayor, begging him to admit Thomas Stevenson to the Freedom of one of the 12 Companies.
19th August, 1594.
- No.* 23. Letter from William Lord Burghley§ to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs, soliciting them to admit William Chattie, Under-Clerk in the Custom-House, to the Freedom.
9th July, 1594.

* Favourite of Queen Elizabeth, appointed Master of the Horse, Dec. 23, 1587; Commander-in-Chief, 1597; Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, March 27, 1598; executed for treason, Feb. 25, 1601.

† Henry Carey, Lord Hunsdon, K.G., the son and heir of William Carey and Mary, the daughter of Thomas, Earl of Wiltshire, and sister of Queen Ann Boleyn, mother of Queen Elizabeth; created Baron Hunsdon by her Majesty, Jan. 13th, 1559.

‡ Lord High Admiral of England, commanded the fleet against the Spanish Armada, 1588; created Earl of Nottingham, Oct. 22, 1597.

§ The great Minister of Elizabeth, created Baron of Burghley, K.G., Feb. 25, 1571; Lord High Treasurer, 1572.

No. 24. Letter (being a second application) from the Earl of Essex to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, soliciting them to admit Lawrence Hethercamp to the Freedom by Redemption.

12th July, 1594.

No. 25. Letter from Thomas, Lord Buckhurst, one of the Lords of the Council, to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, thanking them for admitting Walter Breuster, his servant, to the Freedom.

15th July, 1594.

No. 28. Letter from William Lord Burghley to the Lord Mayor, soliciting him to admit John Trevillian to the Freedom, upon the recommendation of Sir George Peckham.

20th July, 1594.

No. 29. Further Letter upon the same subject.

21st July, 1594.

No. 49. Letter from Sir John Fortescue* to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, soliciting them to admit Nicholas Price, Silkweaver, to the Freedom.

— February, 1594.

No. 67. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord Chamberlain, informing him that the Court of Common Council had granted his request, and admitted Richard Gauntlet to the Freedom of the City.

29th August, 1594.

No. 68. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord Admiral, intimating to him that the Court of Common Council had granted his request, and admitted Thomas Stevenson to the Freedom of the City.

29th August, 1594.

* Appointed Chancellor and Under-Treasurer of the Exchequer by Queen Elizabeth, 1590.

No. 91. Letter from the Lord Mayor to Lord Buckhurst, acknowledging the receipt of his Lordship's letter on behalf of John Dawes to be readmitted into the Freedom of the Company of Drapers, whereof he was disfranchised some two years since, and informing his Lordship that the said John Dawes had obtained the Freedom of the Company by fraud.

17th March, 1594.

No. 147. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Earl of Essex, informing him that he had laid his letter before the Aldermen and Common Council, who had consented to his request, and admitted Mr. Fowkes to the Freedom of the City; and that licence had been given to Edward King to purvey Poultry to his Lordship during the time of Lent

2nd March, 1595.

No. 294. Letter from the Lord Mayor to Lord Viscount Haddington,* regretting that his request to admit John Baker to the Freedom of the City cannot be complied with, he being a stranger.

2nd August, 1607.

HERMAPHRODITE.

No. 131. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Admiral of England, sending for his information the examination of one Jonathan Best, supposed to be a Woman in the habit of a Man, but found to be an Hermaphrodite.

13th January, 1595.

* Sir John Ramsey, created June 11, 1606. He was mainly instrumental in preserving James I. from the Gowric Plot, Aug. 5th, 1600.

HIGHWAYS.

No. 290. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, acknowledging the receipt of their letter concerning the decay of the ways in *Golding Lane* and *Pickthatch*, and other parts of the suburbs, in the Parish of St. Giles without Cripplegate, and informing them that he had called before him the chief Inhabitants of the Parish within the City, who denied their liability to contribute to the mending of the same.

10th June, 1607.

HOSPITALS.

No. 44. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and others, concerning the Commission given under the Great Seal to inquire into the manner in which the Lands in that county* belonging to the Hospitals are employed or abused, and to see if any provision can be made for the sustentation and comfort of Maimed Soldiers who are not sufficiently provided for by the Statutes.

31st December, 1594.

No. 127. Letter from the Lord Mayor to Sir John Fortescue, Knight, acknowledging the receipt of his application on behalf of a poor child to be admitted into Christ's Hospital, and regretting his inability to comply with the same, the child's father not being a Freeman.

12th December, 1595.

No. 175. Letter from the Lord Mayor to Mr. Cooke, Attorney-General, beseeching his good offices on behalf of the City, in the settlement of the question referred to him and the

* The county is not named.

Recorder, touching the lands and tenements in question, between the Hospitals of Bridwell and Bethlem and Mr. William Tothill.

Sans date.

No. 176. Petition of the Governors of Christ Hospital concerning the ordering and appointing of Carts, &c.
(*See* Carts and Carmen.)

No. 212. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, as to the Carmen disobeying the order of the Governors of Christ's Hospital.
(*See* Carts and Carmen.)

No. 279. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Admiral, concerning the appointment of a Cart-taker.
(*See* Offices and Officers.)

No. 287. Petition to the King (James 1st) from the Governors of the Poor of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, concerning a lease of a house in St. John Street, Clerkenwell.

Sans date.

No. 329. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Earl of Dorset, touching a parcel of ground lying on the west part of Bridewell Hospital, belonging of ancient right to the President and Governors, which of late hath been enclosed by his father without the consent of the Governors, and praying that the same may be restored.

23rd September, 1608.

LOTTERIES.

No. 295. The humble Answer and Petition of the Lord Mayor and Aldermen to the King (James 1st), in reply to his request for permission to be given to Julian Miccotie, a merchant of Italy, to put certain wares into a Lottery to begin at the

next term of St. Michael, and to continue for four months, and stating that on account of the sickness which still lingers about the City, it would be dangerous to assemble so many persons together.

Sans date.

No. 304. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council with respect to the permission granted by His Majesty to Julian Miccottie, merchant, to set up a Lottery within the City, contrary to the recommendations of the Court of Aldermen, and informing their Lordships of the great clamour and tumult which is daily made by servants and apprentices, and begging that the said Lottery may cease, and that no Lottery in future be permitted within the City.

30th January, 1607.

No. 353. Letter from the King (James I.) to the Lord Mayor, giving permission to Julyan Miccottie, merchant stranger, to hold a Lottery for the sale of his wares within the City, notwithstanding the advice given by the Lord Mayor upon the request of the King to the contrary.

Sans date.

MAYOR.

No. 178. Letter from the Lord Treasurer, Thomas Lord Buckhurst, to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs, granting them an allowance of impost of Wine to the Lord Mayor 6 tuns, to the Sheriffs 4 tuns each, and 1 tun to each of the 24 Aldermen, and from time to time to continue the same.

8th November, 1600.

No. 242. Letter from the Lord Mayor (John Bennett) to Lord Ellesmere, Lord High Chancellor, informing him that the

writer had been elected to the office of Mayor, and requesting his most gracious favour to him in that office.

12th March, 1603.

No. 260. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, informing him of the custom of making an allowance of *Wine* to the Mayor and Aldermen, which for certain reasons had been discontinued, and requesting that it may be revived.

24th February, ———.

MONOPOLIES.

No. 14. Letter from Lord Burghley to the Lord Mayor, touching her Majesty's Patent to Mr. Darcie, of her Privy Chamber, for the search and sealing of Leather.

1st September, 1594.

No. 70. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, concerning the Patent granted to Mr. Darcie for the search and sealing of Leather.

4th September, 1594.

No. 78. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, enclosing a petition from the makers of *Aquavita*, *Aquacomposita*, and Vinegar, within the City, against the Patent granted by her Majesty to Richard Drake.

14th December, 1594.

No. 82. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, enclosing a petition from certain prisoners of the Company of Leathersellers, complaining of the great injustice inflicted upon them and the rest of the Citizens by the Patent granted to Mr. Darcie, and begging that a trial at Law may be held to determine the question.

23rd January, 1594.

No. 83. Copy of the Petition to the Queen.

No. 84. Articles containing the enormities of Mr. Darcie's Patent, and why the same can work no such effect as is pretended, for reforming the abuses committed in making and selling of Leather.

No. 119. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, inclosing a petition from the Wives of certain Leathersellers, who had been imprisoned, complaining of the great extremity offered unto them by Mr. Edward Darcie, in the pursuit of his Patent—a thing very grievous to this whole city—and beseeching that the said leathersellers may be freed from prison and molestation, and may be permitted to follow their vocation.

6th November, 1595.

No. 126. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, begging permission to take law proceedings to test the validity of the Patents granted to this City and to Mr. Darcie, for the search and sealing of leather.

27th November, 1595.

No. 142. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, acknowledging the receipt of their lordships' message signifying her Majesty's intention to revoke her Patent granted to Mr. Edmund Darcie, touching the search and sealing of leather, upon conformity of a competent fine of £4,000, to be paid to her Highness by the City of London and the Company of Leathersellers; and beseeching the Queen's clemency towards the citizens, on account of the dearth existing, and the subsidies lately levied upon them, and not to insist upon such a fine for the redemption of a right granted

to them by charter, and which they have never yet forfeited.

24th January, 1595.

No. 159. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, inclosing a petition from the Traders of Vinegar, *Aquavitæ* and *Aquaposita*, against the abuses of the late Patent granted by Her Majesty to Mr. Richard Drake, and beseeching that the same may be redressed.

26th May, 1596.

No. 346. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, inclosing a petition from the Grocers' Company against the patent lately granted to Abraham Baker for the making and selling of a stuff called *Smault*,* and begging that the same may be revoked.

17th June, 1609.

NAVAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS.

No. 2. Warrant from the Queen's Majesty (Elizabeth) to the Lord Mayor for raising 300 men within the City and liberties, to be sent under the care and charge of Sir Francis Vere,† knight, to assist the States of the United Provinces of the Low Countries.

23rd January, 1593.

No. 3. Warrant from her Majesty to the Lord Mayor for raising and arming 450 trained soldiers to assist the forces of

* A blue colour used by painters, called powdered blue.

† One of the most famous Generals of his time. By command of Queen Elizabeth, he went with Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, to the assistance of the states of Holland. He was in almost every engagement of importance in the Low Countries, and at the taking of Cadiz. His last and most celebrated exploit was the defence of Ostend against the Archduke Albert for eight months in 1601-2.

the King of France in recapturing the haven of Brest from the King of Spain.

16th July, 1594.

No. 4. Letter from the Lords of the Council with reference to the raising of 300 men mentioned in the Queen's warrant.

26th January, 1593.

No. 5. Letter from the Earl of Essex to the Lord Mayor, requesting him to expedite the raising of the forces mentioned in the Queen's warrant to be under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Francis Veer [Vere] and Captain Yaxley.

3rd January, 1593.

No. 26. A note of the *ships, tons, and mariners* to be set forth by the City :—

SHIPS.		TONS.	MARINERS.	
The Assention	400	100
The Consent	350	100
The Susan Bonadventure	300	70
The Cherubine	300	70
The Minion	180	50
The Primrose	180	50
The Pynnesse	50	20

For these men the City to bear the charge.

18th July, 1594.

No. 27. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor with reference to the raising and furnishing 450 men, with *corsletts*,* and not with *curates*,† and authorizing them, if anyone do flee out of the City to avoid the service, to cause them to return.

20th July, 1594.

* The price of corsletts in 1588: White, 44s. each; black, 46s.

† Curats, without head pieces, 10s. It was formed of two plates, one back and one breast, quite plain.

No. 30. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, informing him that it is her Majesty's pleasure that the City shall furnish 350 soldiers, instead of 450, and that one third part shall be furnished with *pikes*, another part *musketts*, and the third part *callyvers*,* and they shall embark from London under the charge of Sir John Norrist† on the 1st of August.

28th July, 1594.

No. 35. Letter from Lord Burghley to the Lord Mayor, requesting him to cause a list to be made of the ships, with their tonnage, and the number of soldiers and mariners on board, which accompanied Her Majesty's fleet for service in *Brittaine*.

21st October, 1594.

No. 37. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, requesting him to satisfy the owners of ships lately employed for the service of Brest.

30th December, 1594.

No. 42. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, requesting him to see that the captains, masters, owners, and mariners of the ships furnished by the City for the relief of Brest be satisfied.

24th December, 1594.

No. 52. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, directing them to pay immediately to Rowland Cotemore, for setting forth the ships for the late service at Brest, the sum of £200, in order that he may be in readiness to serve her Majesty in the *Susan Bon-*

* Caliver, or as the French designated it, "peece de calibre," the bore being larger than the arquebus, but less and lighter than the musket. Shakespeare's *Henry IV.*, part 2, Falstaff says of Wart, one of his recruits, a poor, weak, under-sized fellow, "Put me a caliver into Wart's hands," meaning doubtless that, although Wart was unable to carry a musket, nevertheless he might manage a caliver or small gun.—Meyrick's "Armour," vol. iii., p. 35.

† Lord General of the English Forces in the Low Countries.

adventure, in the intended voyage at sea under Sir Francis Drake * and Sir John Hawkins.†

5th April, 1595.

No. 56. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, intimating that directions had been given to the lieutenants of the *maritime* and *inland* counties to have in readiness a special number of men well armed to protect the havens and places of descent on the coasts, and directing the City to provide 3,000 men, to be sent to the lieutenants of the counties of Kent and Essex, if the enemy should attempt to land their forces in those counties, and that the *forces* to be raised should be put into *bands*, to be led by some principal gentlemen of the City,—with every 1,000 footmen 100 pioneers furnished with instruments to intrench and fortify; also a good supply of powder, lead, matches, provisions, and carts with small nags to carry their arms, &c., and a reasonable aid of *horsemen*, with lances, staves, or *petrinalls*,‡ and that these should be furnished with all diligence, as her Majesty has been credibly advertised that the King of Spain, moved with the shame and disgrace done to him in his own kingdom by her Majesty's army in the enterprise at *Cales* (Calais), has resolved to take some speedy revenge, and has made great preparation of shipping and forces at Lisbon and other parts of Spain for that purpose.

Dated from the Court at Richmond, 31st October, 1596.

No. 57. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, informing him that her Majesty has been

* Admiral, sailed from Plymouth, Dec. 13th, 1577, circumnavigated the world, returning Nov. 3rd, 1580. His ship was visited by Queen Elizabeth, by whom he was knighted. He had a principal share in the destruction of the Spanish Armada, July 21st—27th, 1588. 5/

† A friend and benefactor of Drake, and a celebrated navigator. He commanded the ship "Victory," and fought with much distinction against the Armada, 1588, for which he was knighted. In 1595 he accompanied Drake to the West Indies.

‡ The petroncl, or poitrinal, the medium between the arquebus and pistol, having a wheel lock, and a broad butt to rest against the chest.

advertised that some of the ships of the King of Spain have put to sea, and directing him to send immediately three of the best ships belonging to the City on the river Thames to Tilbury Hope, to ride some good distance therefrom, and give intelligence of any attempt that the enemy might happen to make.

31st October, 1596.

Postscript. "It is thought meet that one of the said ships shall remain between the two Blockhouses at Gravesend, and to stay all such shipping as they shall suspect."

No. 58. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, in answer to the two preceding letters, praying their Lordships to reconsider their demands, and alleging that in the year 1588 the City furnished only 1,000 men out of the 10,000 ordered to be sent by them to Tilbury, and expressing the dissatisfaction of the citizens at the evil success of their adventure in the last voyage, whereof they see no fruit at all, nor any part of the principal itself of £19,000 spent by them in the late successful expedition to Calais.

3rd November, 1596.

No. 61. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, directing them, the City of London being the chiefest city of the whole realm, and in wealth far exceeding many of the rest, to raise 10,000 men, as they did in 1588, and that 3,000 well armed, &c., be sent, if required, to assist the forces of Kent and Essex in the defence of the coast.

8th November, 1596.

No. 80. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, agreeing to submit the complaint of the owners of ships furnished by the City, for certain charges for

pay and victuals, to the Arbitrators appointed to determine the question between the City and the Contractors.

1st January, 1594.

No. 101. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, soliciting them to send some of her Majesty's ships to the northward against certain *Dunkerkers* who haunt the seas, to the great hindrance of trade.

19th July, 1595.

No. 118. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Admiral, informing his Lordship that he had lately been given to understand by an honest merchant who came from *Hamborough*, of 14 sail of *Hamburgh* ships bound for Spain, laden with corn, powder, great brazen ordnance, and cable rope, intended to furnish so great and capital an enemy to her Majesty and this realm, and expressing a wish that they might be intercepted.

3rd November, 1595.

No. 140. Reasons exhibited to the Lord Mayor and his brethren the Aldermen by the Committee for Land and Sea service, which the Commons of this City desire to be intimated to the Lords of the Privy Council, to induce rebatement of the number of ships and trained soldiers which is required in this present service, equal to that of the year 1588.

Sans date.

No. 145. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Admiral, informing him of the steps taken by the committee appointed by the City for impressing ships into her Majesty's service, and requesting a letter of commission, with full authority for the taking up of 12 ships and 2 pinnaces at her Majesty's price.

7th February, 1595.

No. 155. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, requesting him to issue a warrant to the Justices of the Peace, and other officers of the county of Kent, to assist those appointed by the City for recovering the armour, valued at 1,000 marks, empawned, sold, or otherwise made away with by the soldiers and officers in that county.

21st April, 1596.

No. 173. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, for permission to appoint a competent number of discreet Freemen to be instructed how to use themselves and their weapons in warlike manner, and so to be able to lead the rest for the defence of the City.

April, 1600.

No. 207. The same, entered again.

No. 185. Warrant from Queen (Elizabeth) to the Lord Mayor for levying 500 men out of the *trained bands* of this City, to be armed and provisioned at the expense of Her Majesty, for service in Ireland, on account of the invasion of that kingdom by the Spaniards.

6th January, 1601.

No. 186. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, upon the same subject, directing their embarkation from the Port of Bristol.

7th January, 1601.

No. 204. The Petition of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, to the Lords of the Council, concerning the late command of her Majesty to levy 1,000 men within the City, and to furnish £3,500, after the rate of £3 10s. per man, and beseeching them to use their honourable

mediation with her Majesty for the abatement of the number of men and the amount of money.

Sans date.

No. 211. Petition from the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty to the Queen (Elizabeth), beseeching her acceptance of two Galleys to assist in the defence of the Realm.

Sans date.

No. 221. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Principal Officers of her Majesty's Navy, informing them that the Galleys lately built by the City, for the service of the State, are almost furnished, but requesting that if anything should be found wanting, the same may be supplied out of the Tower, and the City will pay for the same upon a certificate being made.

10th September, 1602.

No. 228. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, as to the fitting out of two ships and a pinnesse, to be employed against the *Dunkirkers* in the narrow seas, and the refusal of the Merchants to contribute towards the same.

Sans date.

No. 350. Letter from the Lord Mayor to Sir William Waad, Knight,* Lieutenant of the Tower of London, as to the relief of Robert Middleton, a poor soldier.

1st September, 1609.

No. 359. Letter from Sir William Waad to the Lord Mayor, the Justices of the Peace, and Treasurer for Maimed Soldiers

* He was discharged from his office "to the great contentment of the prisoners," (to whom he behaved most brutally, Sir Walter Raleigh speaks of him as "that villain Waad,") on an accusation of embezzling the lost jewels of Arabella Stuart, May 13th, 1613, and removed for refusing to participate in the murder of Sir Thomas Overbury, 1613.—Lord de Ros's "Tower of London."

in the City, bringing to their notice the case of Robert Middleton, and praying that he may be relieved.

26th August, 1609.

NON-FREEMEN.

No. 258. Letter from the Lord Mayor and Aldermen to the Lords of the Council, acknowledging the receipt of their communication on behalf of Nicholas Loe (Lowe), a free denizen crossbow-maker, who alleged that he and his father had inhabited a house in the parish of St. Andrew's Holborn for thirty years, and had exercised there the trade of crossbow-making without being molested, and prayed that he might quietly continue the said trade, informing their Lordships that upon frequent complaints being made, that (contrary to the charters and liberties of the City) the said Loe did use his trade by keeping an open shop within the freedom with as much privilege as any freeman—order was taken, according as is the custom in such cases, that the Chamberlain should shut up his shop windows, for doing whereof he received very ill treatment from the servants of Loe, and that he, continuing still to carry on his trade contrary to the warning, was committed to prison, that he shortly afterwards procured a writ of *Habeas Corpus* to be brought before the Lord Chancellor, and, his cause being heard, he was remanded back to prison, where he continues, refusing to conform to the usage and customs of the City, and that he has lately procured a writ to be brought before the King's Bench, which cause is yet depending.

Sans date.

No. 303. Letter from the Lord Mayor to Lord Chief Justice Flemming, concerning a trial to be brought before him by Nicholas Lowe against Thomas Beckford, master of the

Blacksmiths' Company, for proceeding against the said Lowe, who was carrying on the trade of a smith, not being free of the City.

(See Companies, No. 303.)

OFFICES AND OFFICERS.

No. 18. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs, soliciting them, on behalf of Richard Hatchman, one of Her Majesty's serjeants-at-arms, to appoint him Keeper of Newgate, *loco* Dios deceased.

15th April, 1594.

No. 21. Letter from Lord Howard, Lord High Admiral, to the Lord Mayor, soliciting him to bestow upon his servant the office of Measurer.

28th June, 1594.

No. 22. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs, regretting that they had not appointed Richard Hatchman to the office of Keeper of Newgate, his sureties being good and sufficient, and directing them to place him in that office.

24th June, 1594.

No. 34. Letter from Lord Hounsdon (Hunsdon) to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, recommending the employment of Captain Allen Lewis, "to train and view the arms and weapons" in the private houses of citizens, &c.

(See Public Affairs.)

No. 38. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor touching the removal of Richard Hutton, Bailiff of Southwark, from his office.

5th April, 1595.

No. 43. Letter from Sir T. Hennage* to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, to grant the reversion of the office of Collector of Scavage to his servant Proby.

29th December, 1594.

No. 43A. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, to admit John de Cardenas to the office of Collector of Scavage, the reversion of the office being sometime since granted to him.

29th December, 1594.

No. 45. Letter from Lord Burghley to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, soliciting for John de Cardenas the appointment to the office of Collector of Scavage Dues, the reversion having been granted to him by Sir Thomas Pullison, Knight, and the Court of Aldermen, some time since.

New Year's Day, 1594.

No. 46. Letter from Sir T. Hennage to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, soliciting them to relieve one of Her Majesty's watermen, who had been injured in the city's service.

12th January, 1594.

No. 47. Letter from Sir John Puckering to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, soliciting the reversion of a Common Pleader's place for Christopher Molleneux, of Gray's Inn.

24th January, 1594.

No. 48. Letter from Sir John Puckering and Sir John Fortescue to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen with respect to their recommendation of Christopher Molleneux, whose name

* Appointed Chamberlain of the Household, afterwards Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and Treasurer of the Chamber.

and religion had been called in question, and requesting them to call him before the Court of Aldermen to answer the charges alleged against him.

7th February, 1594.

No. 53. Letter from Sir John Puckering, one of the Lords of the Council, to the Lord Mayor, commending to his notice the petition* of Ralph Thorpe and Ralph Conyers.

29th April, 1595.

No. 71. Letter from Aldermen Bennet† and Ley‡ to the Right Hon. Mr. Herbert, Master of the Court of Requests, concerning the removal of Frances Westby from the office of Coal Gatherer in Holborn and Fleet Street.

28th October, 1594.

No. 86. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord Chamberlain, regretting his inability to grant the office of Bailiff of Southwark to Richard Gauntlet, recommended by his Lordship, on account of his not being a Freeman of this City, either by service or patrimony, and that they had bestowed the office upon an ancient servitor and officer of the City.

19th February, 1594.

Note.—This has been erased.

No. 94. Letter from the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen to the Lords of the Council, upon the complaint of Richard Hutton, who had been removed by the Court from the office of Bailiff of Southwark on account of his unfitness.

9th April, 1595.

* The purport of the petition is not mentioned.

† See note page 81.

‡ Probably Sir Robert Lee, who filled the office of Sheriff with Mr. Alderman Bennett.

No. 124. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council reporting the causes of the removal of Richard Hatchman from the office of Gaolership of Newgate.

27th November, 1595.

No. 125. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, acknowledging the receipt of the petition of Widow Yardley praying that the office of one of the Coal Meters held by her late husband may be bestowed upon her brother-in-law, and informing their Lordships that the place had been conferred by the late Lord Mayor Sir John Spencer* upon Michael Palmer for his life, for which Sir John had received a sum of £260 or thereabout, and that they had endeavoured to induce him to pay her a sum of 100 marks for her relief, which he had refused, and recommending them to censure him, and to intreat Sir John Fortescue and Sir John Wolley,† to whose determination he had referred himself, to award a sum to be paid by him to the widow.

16th November, 1595.

No. 158. Letter from the Lord Mayor to Mr. Herbert,‡ of her Majesty's Court of Requests, acknowledging the receipt of a letter from her Majesty on behalf of John Spencer to be admitted one of the Coal-meters within this City, above the number already appointed, and referring to former orders of her Majesty restricting the number to be appointed.

26th May, 1596.

* Clothworker, elected Alderman of Langbourn, Aug. 9, 1587; Sheriff, 1583; Mayor, Sept. 29, 1594.

† Latin Secretary of State.

‡ Master of the Court of Requests, appointed one of the Secretaries of State, 10th May, 1600.

No. 163. Letter from the Lord Mayor to Julius Cæsar,* one of the Masters of the Court of Requests, similar to the above.

26th July, 1596.

No. 168. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, acknowledging the receipt of their letter inclosing the petition of John Cottesford, complaining of his removal from the office of Gauger, and of the committal to ward, of two of his servants, who were deputed by him to execute that office, and in answer thereto pointing out the unfitness of that officer to perform his duties, whereby the citizens were sufferers.

1st December, 1596.

No. 183. Letter from the Lord Nottingham and Sir Robert Cecil to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, recommending on behalf of her Majesty, Mr. Wyncall for the office of Common Serjeant *loco* Mr. Milbram, deceased.

22nd September, 1602.

No. 210. Letter from the Lord Mayor and the Court of Aldermen to the Lords of the Council (the Earl of Nottingham and Sir Robert Cecil) acknowledging the letter of her Majesty soliciting the office of Common Serjeant for Mr. Wyncall, and expressing regret that a reversion of the office, 22 years since, to Richard Wheler (Wheeler), a counsel of Lincoln's Inn, prevented the Court of Aldermen from acceding to the request.

22nd September, 1601.

* Sir Julius Cæsar, appointed Master Jan. 10th, 1591; Knighted by James I. May 20, 1603; appointed Chancellor and Under-Treasurer of the Exchequer, April 11, 1606; Master of the Rolls, Sept. 13, 1614; died April 18 (O.S.), 1636, and was buried in St. Helen's, Bishopsgate.

No. 217. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, as to the Annuity proposed to be granted to Mr. Proby out of the scavage.

Sans date.

No. 218. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord Keeper, with reference to a suit depending before him in the Court of Chancery between John Nicholas, Keeper of one of the Compters, and John Skevington, executor of Richard Skevington, defendant, concerning an annuity agreed to be paid to the said John Skevington by the present Keeper out of the profits of the office, which had caused scandalous exactions to be made upon the prisoners, and beseeching that the said burden may be removed.

June, 1602.

No. 246. Letter from the Lord Mayor to ————
to attend the next meeting of the Court of Aldermen, on the 14th of August next, to answer the complaint made by Mr. Doggett touching the Clerkship of the Papers of Wood Street Compter.

21st July, 1604.

No. 271. Letter from the Lord Mayor to Lord ———, concerning a suit pending in Chancery, between William Miller and Martin Heullin against John Nicholas, about the office of Keeper of the Wood Street Compter, referred to the Lord Mayor, Sir John Watts,* and to Sir Henry Montague,† Recorder, with the Lord Mayor's report thereon.

Sans date.

* Clothworker, elected Alderman of Tower, April 21, 1601; Sheriff, June 24, 1596; Lord Mayor, 1606.

† Elected Recorder upon the recommendation of James I., May 26, 1603 (Repertory 26, fol. 147); M.P. for the City of London, 1604-1611; appointed Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench, Nov. 16, 1616; Lord Treasurer, Dec. 14, 1620; created Earl of Manchester by Charles I., Feb. 1626. Upon his resignation of the Recordership he was presented with two hundred double sovereigns by the Corporation, as a thankful remembrance for his many careful endeavours for the City.

No. 279. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Admiral, acknowledging the receipt of a letter from him concerning the Cart-taker's place, lately void, and informing him that, according to an agreement between the Governors of Christ Hospital and the Board of Green Cloth, this officer should be chosen in turn by them, and that the present vacancy falls to the City.

Sans date.

No. 285. Letter from the Lord Mayor and Aldermen to the Lord Chancellor (Ellesmere), soliciting him to put Francis Morgan in the Commission of the Peace for the County of Surrey, in the place of Mr. Dale, removed.

30th April, 1607.

No. 306. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer of England (Earl Dorset), enclosing a petition from the Ward of Aldersgate, complaining that William Court, an inhabitant of that Ward for 8 or 10 years past, refused to undergo the office of Scavenger in the parish, claiming exemption from such service, he being privileged as Clerk to Sir William Spencer, Knight, one of the Auditors of the Court of Exchequer, and praying that the same Mr. Court, although privileged, be directed to find a substitute or deputy, and pay him.

5th February, 1607.

No. 318. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Chancellor, requesting him to put Mr. John Warner, of the Middle Temple, upon the Commission of the Peace for Surrey.

5th May, 1608.

ORPHANAGE.

No. 40. Letter from Sir John Puckering, one of Her Majesty's Council, to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, concerning the portion of Edmond Hills, an orphan, paid into the Chamber of London.

18th November, 1594.

No. 50. Letter from Sir Robert Cecil* to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, for permission to have the use of the money belonging to his ward, the heir of Mr. Alderman Buckle.†

19th February, 1594.

No. 51. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, requesting them to remove Blanch Loftis, an orphan, from the custody of John Watts, who, as executor of Bartholomew Quiney, who married her mother, pretended to have her in ward, and to place her to her liking with some of her kin.

31st March, 1596.

No. 169. Answer of the Lord Mayor and the Court of Aldermen to Sir John Fortescue, who desired to have the custody of an orphan, only daughter of the late Thomas Ridge, regretting that they cannot comply with his request, it being against the ancient customs of the City, he not being a Freeman.

22nd April, 1601.

* See note page 15.

† Sir Cuthbert Buckle, Vintner, elected Alderman of Farringdon Without, Oct. 16, 1582, and Sheriff for part of that year; elected Mayor, Sept. 29, 1593, but died before he had completed his year of office, July 1, 1594. His will is enrolled in the Hustings Court, No. 275.

No. 222. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord Keeper, informing him that in accordance with the order made by the Court of Chancery, the 29th May, in the cause depending between Richard Coop and others, plaintiffs, and Baldwin Dereham, defendant, touching the custody of the children and orphans of the late Mr. Coop, they had referred the same to Mr. Richard Wheeler, Common Serjeant, Baptist Hickes, and others, who had held several meetings, but the plaintiffs would not appear before them, denying their jurisdiction.

26th October, 1602.

No. 227. Letter from the Lord Mayor and Aldermen to the Lord Chief Justice, in reference to the suit now pending between this City and Mr. Caldecott, touching the orphanage of Peter Boucher.

30th January, 1602.

No. 239. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Chancellor, certifying that the Court of Aldermen had taken into consideration the orphanage cause referred to them by the Court of Chancery on the 1st May, 44th of Elizabeth, and enclosing their certificate.

8th March, 1603.

No. 243. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, concerning the marriage of Mary Noble, an orphan.

15th April, 1604.

PLAGUE.

No. 234. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, informing him of the steps taken to prevent the spread of the plague in the counties of Middlesex and Surrey.

18th April, 1603.

No. 275. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, acknowledging a letter from their Lordships, and informing them of the steps taken to preserve the City from the spread of the infection, and reciting that the following additional order had been passed: "That every infected house should be warded and kept with two sufficient watchmen, suffering no persons to go more out of the said house, nor no searcher to go abroad without a *Redd Roade* in their hand," and that a Marshal and two assistants had been appointed to keep the beggars out of the City, &c.

October, 1606.

No. 283. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord Chamberlain, informing him of the increase of the plague in the *skirts* and *confines* of this City, which is likely to spread through the great heat of the season, and requesting that all stage plays may be interdicted, and that the justices of Middlesex may put into execution such ordinances in Whitechapel, Shore-ditch, and Clerkenwell, and such other remote parts as they are advised for the stay thereof.

12th April, 1607.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

No. 6. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, to restrain until further order all public plays and interludes within five miles of the City of London, on account of the plague.

3rd February, 1593.

No. 33. Letter from Lord Hounsdon [Hunsdon] to the Lord Mayor, requesting permission for the new company of players to be permitted to perform at the *Cross Keys* in

Gracious Street (Gracechurch Street) “ now that the sickness hath departed from the City.”

Dated from “ Noonesuch,” 8th October, 1594.

No. 73. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, informing him that Frances Langley, one of the *Alneagers* for the sealing of cloth, intends to erect a new stage or theatre on the Bankside, and praying that the same may be prevented on account of the evils arising therefrom.

3rd November, 1594.

No. 103. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, requesting them to issue their letters to the justices of Surrey and Middlesex for the suppressing of stage plays on the Bankside, as being the cause of the increase of crime within the City.

13th September, 1595.

No. 171. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, recommending the suppression of stage plays as well at the Theatre* at the Curtain and Bankside as in all other places in and about the City, accompanied by reasons for the same.

28th July, 1597.

No. 187. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, renewing their orders to the justices of Middlesex and Surrey for the prohibition of any more playhouses than the two mentioned (Golden Lane and the Bankside), and for the punishment of all who transgress the same orders.

31st December, 1601.

* Near unto the Priory of Holywell, Shoreditch, “ are builded two publique-houses for the acting and shewe of Comedies, Tragedies, and Histories, for recreation; whereof the one is called the *Courtein*, the other the *Theatre*; both standing on the south-west side towards the fields.”—Stowe, Edit. 1598, p. 349.

No. 188. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor upon the complaint of the great increase of playhouses, and particularly of the playhouse now in course of erection in Golden Lane by Edward Allen,* and directing that as Allen's house is not intended to increase the number of playhouses, but to be in lieu of the Curtain, he shall be permitted to complete the same, and further ordering that there shall be but two playhouses, one in Middlesex, namely, the one in Golden Lane above mentioned, and one in Surrey, *The Globe* on the Bankside, which had been selected by the players from the numerous houses existing there; forbidding the performance of plays in common inns within the City; restricting the performances in each house to two in a week, and restraining the players from performing on the Sabbath Day or in Lent, or in times of infection, and charging the Lord Mayor and Justices to see this order duly executed.

22nd June, 1600.

No. 189. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, granting permission to the servants of the Earl of Oxford and the Earl of Worcester to play at the Boar's-head in Eastcheap.

31st March, 1602.

(And see *Plague*, No. 283.)

POOR AND VAGRANTS.

No. 74. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, forwarding for their approval copies of the orders to be enforced against Vagrants, &c., and calling their attention to the state of the tenements and their inhabitants in Kentish Street, Newington, and other places in Southwark.

17th November, 1594.

* Edward Alleyn, a celebrated comedian in the reigns of Elizabeth and James I. He founded Dulwich College, June 21st, 1619.

No. 75. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Justices of the Peace for the Counties of Middlesex and Surrey, appointing, by request of the Lords of the Council, a conference with them upon the measures to be taken for the suppression of Vagrancy.

30th November, 1594.

No. 76. A copy of the Orders for the suppression of Vagrancy within the City of London.

No. 85. Causes of the great numbers of begging Poor within the City of London and other parts of the realm.

No. 87. Remedy for reforming the abuse of vagrant begging Poor.

No. 102. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, concerning the number of Poor begging within the City, and requesting the assistance of their Lordships to prevent the building of small tenements in Southwark and Kentish Street.

10th September, 1595.

No. 229. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, touching the complaint made by the Justices of the Peace for the Counties of Middlesex and Surrey, concerning the two houses of correction proposed to be erected in those counties for the maintenance of the Poor.

Sans date.

No. 231. Answer of the Lord Mayor and Aldermen to the demands of the Justices of the Peace of Middlesex and Surrey, touching the contributions required from the Mayor and Commonalty of London for the erecting and maintaining of houses of correction in those counties.

Sans date.

No. 254. Petition of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty to the King, as to the building of the two houses of correction for the counties of Middlesex and Surrey.

Sans date.

POULTERERS.

No. 241. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, enclosing a petition from the Poulterers of London, complaining of the wrongs done to them by his Majesty's purveyors.

9th March, 1603.

No. 244. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, informing them that he had taken bond from the Poulterers of the City, prohibiting them from selling Pheasants, Partridges, and Rabbits before the 6th of June, according to their commands, and complaining that the Poulterers of Westminster and the suburbs do sell the same at all times, to the injury of the Citizens, and praying that they may be restrained.

20th May, 1604.

PROVISIONS.

No. 11. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, requesting him to purchase for the City's store 1,000 quarters of wheat of Mr. Beecher and Mr. Leicester, at 30s. per quarter.

12th August, 1594.

No. 13. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, regretting his unwillingness to purchase for the City's store

the 1,000 quarters of wheat of Mr. Beecher and Mr. Leicester, and requesting him to see to the Assize of Bread within the City.

19th August, 1594.

No. 26. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, directing him to furnish from the City store, for the use of Her Majesty's fleet, provision of biscuits.

26th July, 1594.

No. 31. Letter from Lord Howard, Lord High Admiral, to the Lord Mayor, informing him that he had sent three ships laden with corn, to be brought up to the Wall for the relief of the citizens suffering from the dearth.

3rd July, 1594.

No. 59. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, informing him that 20 ships laden with corn had arrived in the river Thames from the East Counties, and directing the same to be disposed of to the poor people, and not ingrossed by such persons as used to buy great quantities to sell the same again at excessive prices, making thereby unlawful gains to the oppressing of the poor people.

31st October, 1596.

No. 60. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council as to the distribution of corn.

3rd November, 1596.

No. 62. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor complaining of the want of Granaries in the City for the storing of corn, &c., and signifying to the Lord Mayor the fitness of Leadenhall for that purpose, which the Staplers claimed a right to occupy, and directing his

Lordship to view the place, and point out to the Staplers such rooms as will suffice for their necessary use, and to use the others for storing corn.

9th November, 1608.

No. 64. Letter from the Lord Mayor to Lord Buckhurst, thanking him for sending for the relief of the City in this time of scarcity 2,000 quarters of corn.

22nd July, 1594.

No. 66. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord Admiral, thanking him for sending three ships laden with corn for the relief of the City.

4th August, 1594.

No. 69. Letter from the Lord Mayor in reply to the Lords of the Council, touching the price of corn and the Assize of Bread.

22nd August, 1594.

No. 72. Fragment of a letter to the Lord High Treasurer as to provisions for the City.

30th October, 1594.

No. 77. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, requesting him to order the Mayor of Sandwich to deliver 100 quarters of wheat detained by him, belonging to John Storer, of this City.

13th December, 1594.

No. 79. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, complaining that he had received a message from Sir Francis Drake and Sir John Hawkins, requiring for the use of Her Majesty's fleet the garners and ovens within the *Bridgehouse*, which had been erected by the City for the

storing of corn in time of dearth and for baking bread for the poor, and requesting them to direct the knights to use her Majesty's garners at Tower Hill, Westminster, or Winchester Palace for that purpose.

20th December, 1594.

No. 81. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, complaining of several kydders, badgers, and such like persons, who lay in wait on the River Thames to intercept the ships laden with corn from foreign parts, whereby the price is very much enhanced, to the great disadvantage of the City, and praying him to intreat her Majesty for further authority to restrain and punish all such persons.

4th January, 1594.

No. 93. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, touching the scarcity of fresh and salt fish, and the intercepting by pirates of fishing boats coming to the City, and suggesting the repeal of the statute made in the 23rd of Elizabeth.*

3rd April, 1595.

No. 95. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord Admiral, thanking him for sending certain ships laden with corn for the City's use in this season of dearth.

15th May, 1595.

No. 96. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord Admiral, defending himself against the charges brought against him by a Dantzic merchant who had brought corn and rye to the City.

10th June, 1595.

* 23 Elizabeth, cap. vii. An Act for the Increase of Mariners, and for the Maintenance of Navigation.

No. 99. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, in answer to the complaint made by Francis Le Torte concerning the sale of rye brought by him to this City.

29th June, 1595.

No. 104. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, informing him that, whereas the late harvest had not proved so plentiful as was expected, and the City's store of wheat being spent, they had made certain arrangements with the merchants trading with the *east countries* for the supply of wheat and rye, provided that, if the price of wheat be under 26s. 8d., and rye 20s. a quarter, then they should be permitted to transport the same into foreign parts, and also soliciting him to use his influence with Lord Cobham, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, to remove the restriction placed by him upon the importation of wheat from the county of Kent.

27th September, 1595.

No. 106. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, begging him to intercede with Lord Cobham, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, for the release of the corn ships now detained at Sandwich in Kent; also to advise Her Majesty to restrain all licences for the transportation of corn out of the realm for the present year, on account of the great scarcity.

6th October, 1595.

No. 108. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, with a note of such wheat as is provided and bought in Kent for the use of the City, with the names of the bakers by whom it was bought, and the port whence it is to be shipped, and requesting his Lordship to issue his warrant for the discharge thereof from the ports named.

10th October, 1595.

No. 109. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, with a note of the quantity of wheat weekly spent within the City and suburbs, and complaining of the injustice suffered by the citizens by reason of the restraint enforced against the importation of corn from the counties of Kent and Essex.

14th October, 1595.

No. 111. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, reporting that he had taken counsel with the Aldermen, the wardens of the several companies, the brewers, and bakers, as to the quantity of corn provided and furnished, and from what counties it came, and beseeching their Lordships that a speedy provision may be made for the removal of the restraint imposed by the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports upon the quantity of corn imported from the county of Kent, the late warrant issued to the officers of Sandwich and other ports not being sufficient.

22nd October, 1595.

No. 112. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, informing his Lordship that he had received private information of the fact that certain English merchants had sent their ships to Stoad to be freighted with corn under the pretence of bringing the same to this City, but with the full determination to transport the same into France, there to sell it to their own advantage, and to the disadvantage of this realm in this time of scarcity, and requesting his Lordship to send to the Governor of the Merchant Adventurers, and to order that all corn laden by English merchants be brought into this realm.

25th October, 1595.

No. 114. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, requesting him to order the corn ships lately taken

upon the coast of Spain by the Earl of Cumberland, to be brought to the Port of London for sale.

28th October, 1595.

No. 115. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Admiral, requesting that if any corn be met with in the narrow seas, it may be sent for sale to the City on account of the scarcity.

29th October, 1595.

No. 116. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, inclosing the petition from the Company that trades for butter and cheese within the City, complaining that restraint had been made by the Justices of the Peace within the counties of Suffolk, Norfolk, and Essex, whereby they were inhibited from bringing from thence such provisions, to the great distress of the poor housekeepers of the City, and requesting their Lordships to direct their warrant to the Justices and officers of the ports within these shires to remove the said restraint.

29th October, 1595.

No. 117. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, praying that the restraint of corn made in Kent, and the other maritime shires, may be removed on account of the great scarcity, and that forasmuch as the scarcity of wheat and rye compels the use of other grain, especially barley, a great quantity of which is converted into malt for the brewing of sweet and strong beer either for transportation, or to be drank in ale and tippling houses, the brewers may be restrained, or ordered to brew a less quantity for the present.

30th October, 1595.

No. 120. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, praying them to issue a warrant to the Customs

Officers of Kingston-upon-Hull, to permit Robert Dalton of that town, who had been accustomed to bring annually corn to this City, to embark the 700 quarters provided by him, the same being greatly needed by this City.

12th November, 1595.

No. 129. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, requesting them to grant a warrant for the bringing of a small quantity of butter and cheese out of the counties of Suffolk and Essex.

31st December, 1595.

No. 143. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Commissioners for the County of Suffolk, appointed by the Privy Council to direct the transporting of 646 wey of Butter and Cheese for the use of the City in this time of scarcity, enclosing a schedule of Traders, and the quantity to be supplied to each.

31st January, 1595.

No. 162. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, requesting him, on account of the great scarcity within the City, to permit the passage, with all speed, of the corn purchased in Kent, and also to allow the City to buy the 100 qrs. of beans lately landed in Southwark, near the Bridge-house.

22nd July, 1596.

No. 164. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, rendering an account of the quantity of grain lately arrived from Zealand and the East Countries.

15th August, 1596.

No. 166. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, requesting him to issue his warrant to the Custom

Officers of the Town of Harwich, to discharge the ship which had put in there, laden with 800 qrs. of corn from the East Countries for the City's use.

5th October, 1596.

No. 167. Letter from Alderman (Sir Thomas) Skinner, Lord Mayor, to the Lords of the Council, informing them that, on account of the high price of malt, he had issued a proclamation throughout the City, increasing the price of beer from 4s. and 6s. a barrel to 5s. and 8s., for the present.

1st December, 1596.

No. 170. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, requesting him to issue his warrant to the Officers of the Customs of the different Ports and Towns, to pass the corn purchased by the several Companies for the provision of this City in this time of scarcity.

23rd May, 1600.

No. 192. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, requesting them to withdraw their prohibition against the transportation of herrings from Yarmouth.

18th October, 1602.

No. 197. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, complaining of their neglect to provide a good proportion of corn to be kept in the City's store to be employed for the relief of the citizens in time of dearth or scarcity, and directing them to remedy the same immediately, and to make a return of the quantity so provided.

22nd January, 1602.

No. 250. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, inclosing a petition to the Court of Aldermen

complaining of the excessive price of wheat in Kent and other places adjoining, by reason of the great quantity lading there for transportation into foreign countries, and requesting that steps may be taken to prevent the same.

22nd February, 1604.

No. 257. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, acknowledging the receipt of their letter directing him to assist the officers and purveyors for the provision of his Majesty's house, and to cause the doors of the sellers and warehouses of such as shall be disobedient to be opened, and to see such goods delivered as shall be marked for his Majesty's service, and informing their Lordships that he had called the merchants and others before him, who expressed their willingness to supply the goods needful for that service, and praying that they may be reasonably rated, and the time of payment known unto them, and that no more be taken than is wanted.

— December, 1605.

No. 269. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Board of Green Cloth, in answer to their application for 100 quarters of wheat out of the City's store, acquainting them that the City had no store, and that the Companies' store was brought into the market for sale at certain times, to keep down the prices for the benefit of the poor.

Sans date.

No. 281. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Board of Green Cloth, as to the conduct of the buyers of bacon for the supply of his Majesty's household from the markets.

15th February, 1606.

No. 299. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, inclosing a Petition from the brewers within

the City, complaining of the great transportation of barley out of the counties of Norfolk, Kent, and Sussex, which had caused great distress to their trade, and increased the price of grain, and praying that the transportation of grain may be stayed.

Sans date.

No. 301. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer (the Earl of Dorset), for restraining the transportation of corn out of this kingdom, on account of the high price thereof.

Sans date.

No. 302. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Board of Green Cloth, concerning the supply of one hundred and fifty loads of billets, and fifty loads of faggots, for His Majesty's use, by the woodmongers of the City; informing the Board of the scarcity of fuel, and requesting that no more than is actually necessary may be taken, and that the same price may be paid as the woodmongers themselves gave.

Sans date.

No. 313. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, reporting that on account of the exceeding high price of corn, and the scarcity, the bakers are scarcely able to keep eleven ounces' weight in the wheaten penny loaf, and requesting that licence may be granted to those who will bring corn to this port from foreign parts, that if such quantities as shall be brought in be not vended or uttered here, it may be lawful for them to ship the same out again without paying customs.

19th March, 1607.

No. 314. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, concerning a parcel of wheat belonging to Mr. Wallis, to be transported into Foreign parts, and the condition of the same, and reporting that, upon further examination by the desire of their Lordships, the wheat was found to be mildewed, very foul, light, and ill-conditioned, but that he had offered to give 28s. a quarter for the same.

30th March, 1607.

No. 316. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Mayor of Sandwich, requesting information as to the prohibiting of a parcel of corn from being sent to the City.

13th April, 1608.

No. 320. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, inclosing a petition from the bargemen and others of the town of Ware, complaining that the River Lea had been drawn so low by Sir Robert Wroth and others, that their barges could not pass with provisions for the City, and praying them to take some course to remedy the evil complained of, and that they might have free passage with their barges.

26th May, 1608.

No. 324. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Earl of Salisbury, Lord High Treasurer, requesting that, on account of the high price and scarcity of corn, the making of starch may be forborne during this time of dearth.

20th June, 1608.

No. 328. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, concerning the high price of sugar.

16th September, 1608.

No. 330. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, touching the high price of corn, and reporting the steps taken for reducing the Assize of Bread.

28th September, 1608.

No. 349. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, as to the quantity and price of corn supplied for this City's use.

24th August, 1609.

No. 357. Letter from the Earl of Salisbury to the Lord Mayor, touching the supply, price, and transportation of corn.

11th August, 1609.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

No. 1. Letter from John Baptista Justiniani, in the name of Signor Fabritio Palavicino, of Jeane, to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, begging them to intercede with her Majesty (Queen Elizabeth) for payment of an annuity due to Sir Horatio Palavicino, Knt.,* for money lent.

Circa 1592.

No. 34. Letter from Lord Hounsdon [Hunsdon] to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, recommending the employment of Captain Allen Lewis to train and view the arms and weapons kept in private houses of citizens, and to be allowed to receive 6d. a year from each householder for that service.

12th October, 1594.

No. 39. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, directing him to appoint some of the Aldermen of the City to consult with the Aldermen of the *Steelyard*

* Abstract of the will of. (*See* Calendar of State Papers, 1595-1597; page 186.)

with reference to the saltpetre men who have been appointed to dig and to make saltpetre in their house.

5th October, 1595.

No. 41. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, bringing to their notice the decay of the piers at Whitby, in Yorkshire, and the distress in trade therefrom, and soliciting contributions from the merchants of the City for the repairing thereof.

31st November, 1594.

No. 54. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, bringing to his notice the pitiful complaint of Caspar Comaroni, a Hungarian, who, through the invasion of the Turk, had been deprived of his patrimony and imprisoned for five years, and was at last put to a great ransom, for the assured payment whereof he gave certain Christians as pledges; for the redemption of these he is seeking the charitable collections of all Christians, to which end it is the desire of the Council that the Lord Mayor should give his best aid and furtherance.

25th May, 1595.

No. 55. Letter from Dorothy Stafford and Mary Scudamore, Ladies-in-Waiting upon the Queen, to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, on behalf of Annes Bartlett, daughter of Richard Stowe, late of London, bone-setter, and Robert Stewart, his servant, complaining that the *fourteen butchers' stalls* in Leadenhall, bequeathed to them, had been withholden by his Lordship, and praying that they may be restored, or a full compensation allowed.

From the Court at Greenwich.

26th May, 1595.

No. 107. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, reporting that, in obedience to the command of their Lordships, certain Aldermen and others, with the Lieutenant of the Ordnance, had viewed the rooms within the steelyard where the *saltpetre men* were to dig under warrant for saltpetre, and had delivered a certificate, inclosed, and that they further found, by the complaints of the citizens, that the said saltpetre men did enter into the houses, shops, and warehouses of poor artificers within the City to dig for saltpetre, to the great hindrance of their trade, and requesting that they may be admonished and charged to use more discretion and moderation in the execution of their warrant.

6th October, 1595.

No. 122. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, complaining that one Owen Saintpire, a cook of this City, committed by him to prison for refusing to pay his just contribution for the service of her Majesty, and for disobedience to the Lord Mayor and the government of the City, had entered his action of wrong imprisonment in the King's Bench against the Chamberlain and other officers of this City, and beseeching his Lordship to call the matter into the Court of Chancery.

12th November, 1595.

No. 128. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, on behalf of Thomas Bramley, who had been appointed by the Common Council to perform certain important duties by land and sea, but was prevented on account of a suit concerning goods to the value of £1,000, which had been detained at *Marcelles*,* and begging that the same suit may be despatched with all diligence.

29th December, 1595.

* Marscilles.

No. 150. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord Chamberlain, informing him of the committal of John Frederick, a freeman, to the Compter, for refusing to pay the sum of 26s. and 8d., the amount of his assessment for the public service.

26th March, 1596.

No. 151. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Admiral, as to the complaint made by Mr. Frederick against Mr. Sebright, touching the assessment made upon him for defence of the realm, and defending Mr. Sebright against his accusations.

31st March, 1596.

No. 154. Letter from the Lord Mayor to Mrs. Walleson Woolhouse, widow of a freeman, at Fulham, informing her that unless she directs the payment of £10 8s. 4d., the amount to which she has been assessed for the public service, her name will be returned as a defaulter.

2nd April, 1596.

No. 156. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, inclosing a petition from Fabritio Palavicino, of Jean, for payment of an annuity out of the Exchequer for the sum of £28,948 10s. 6d., lent by him to Her Majesty.

29th April, 1596.

No. 160. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, stating that he had removed the *Gramies**, and kept them apart without arresting them, according to his directions, and that they appeared discontented, and desired to have some attendants to wait upon them, and permission for their friends to visit them, and requesting further instructions from his Lordship.

27th June, 1596.

* Some Scotch prisoners of importance, the (Grahams). See Aytoun's Lays, "The Burial of Dundee," "The Græmes."

No. 172. Letter from the Lord Mayor and Aldermen to the Lords of the Council, informing them of the refusal of divers officers of the Court of Chancery, the Court of Wards, the King's Bench, and Common Pleas, inhabiting houses within the liberties of this City, especially Fleet Street, to pay the 15th levied upon them for the service of her Majesty, and asking for further instructions from their Lordships thereon.

5th June, 1600.

No. 208. A copy of the same.

No. 180. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, requiring them, in conjunction with the Justices of the Peace for the counties of Middlesex, Kent, and Surrey, to make a return of the names of the knights, gentlemen, and others of good possessions and abilities, who continue to reside within the City and the suburbs, contrary to the express command of her Majesty to reside upon their estates in the country.

12th July, 1601.

No. 195. Letter from the Lord Treasurer (Buckhurst) to the Lord Mayor, concerning a loan of £60,000 to her Majesty on the security of the *Carrick** goods.

22nd January, 1602.

No. 196. A second letter upon the same subject.

28th January, 1602.

No. 203. Letter from the Lord Mayor and Aldermen to Lord —, inclosing the petition of Baptista Justiniano in the name of Fabritio Palavicino, complaining of the nonpayment of certain sums of money lent by him to her Majesty.

15th July, 1602.

* Goods taken in the ships called "Carracks," captured from the Spaniards.

No. 205. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex, inclosing a letter received from the Lords of the Council (No. 180), requiring him to make a return of such Knights and Gentlemen and others of good abilities as have their abode in the country, but their habitations either in the City or adjoining to the same, and directing them to make a return to him of the names of any such residing in the suburbs or the county.

14th July, 1601.

No. 215. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, acknowledging the receipt of their letter, inclosing a petition from the upholdsters and others for an allowance to them for furnishing the Duke Byron and his train with stuffs, saddles, &c., and requesting them to excuse the City from this service, as they are hardly pressed for payment of the many demands made upon them for the service of the State.

10th December, 1601.

No. 219. Petition to the Queen from the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, beseeching her Majesty to give orders for the discharge of an annuity granted to Sir Horatio Palavicino, Knt.,* £2,894 17s., and for the payment of the sum of £28,948 10s. 6d., for which the City became bond, by Her Majesty's request, fourteen years since.

Sans date.

No. 220. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord Treasurer, for payment of money lent by the citizens to her Majesty in 1598, and which, although often promised, has not been repaid.

Sans date.

* Of Badburgham, county Cambridge, a friend of Lord Bughley.

No. 224. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, in answer to the request of a loan from the citizens of £60,000 upon the surety of the *Carrick goods*.

22nd January, 1602.

No. 225. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer upon the same subject.

29th January, 1602.

No. 235. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, stating that he had conferred with the citizens named by him, and that he found them unable to advance £20,000 by way of loan for six months, taking the *Carrick goods* to the value of £30,000 in pawn.

27th April, 1603.

No. 256. Letter from the Lord Mayor and Aldermen to the Lord High Treasurer, concerning the payment to the Citizens of a loan (the marginal reference says £63,000) lent by the City to the Queen's Majesty.

1st August, 1605.

No. 262. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, acknowledging their order to supply 200 carts, with two horses to each, together with the Lord Mayor's barge, for removing his Majesty's (James I.) effects to Greenwich, and calling their attention to the great inconvenience occasioned to trade by the withdrawal of so many carts from the City; and stating that the barge had been some time since borrowed by the Lord Chamberlain to carry the Guards, and that it is not fitted to carry luggage.

26th May, 1606.

No. 277. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer (the Earl of Dorset), informing him of the selection of John Eldred and William Ferris by the lenders of £60,000 to the late Queen (Elizabeth) to receive and give an acquittance on their behalf for the sum of £20,000, part thereof.

20th December, 1606.

No. 278. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, reporting the steps taken, according to his Lordship's directions, for recovering some over-slipt Customs.

3rd January, 1606.

No. 291. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord Haddington, enclosing a petition to the King, and praying his mediation for the obtaining of his Majesty's Letters to the French King for present satisfaction of the money, so unjustly detained from him after a sentence obtained for the restitution thereof, and for treating with the French Ambassador thereon; and also sending two warrants for Bucks, which had always been granted in her late Majesty's time, and praying that the custom may be continued.

17th June, 1607.

No. 300. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, enclosing a petition from certain Merchants trading to "Biskey," and such as use the trade of making Vardingales,* Boddyes, and Sleeves for Women in and about the City, requesting that the Duty proposed, 6d. in the pound upon Whalebone-fins, be not enforced.

12th December, 1607.

* Farthingales.

No. 310. Letter from the Lord Mayor to Sir Julius Cæsar, Knight, Chancellor of the Exchequer, as to the Loan from the City to the King.

20th February, 1607.

No. 326. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Farmers of the Custom House, as to the alteration in the rates of Portage for the lading and unlading of all Coasters' Goods brought in or carried out of the Port of London.

8th August, 1608.

No. 345. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Earl of Nottingham, Lord High Admiral, acknowledging the receipt of a Letter from the King, requiring the Lord Mayor to restrain the Cooks within the City from buying and selling Venison, as it tended to encourage the Under-keepers of His Majesty's Forests, Chases, and Parks to become hunters or stealers of Venison, and informing him that he had called the Cooks before him, and had taken bond of them not to sell the flesh of Red or Fallow Deer for the future.

3rd March, 1608.

No. 348. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Chancellor, enclosing a petition from Catherine Davis, a poor Widow, imprisoned at the suit of John Wallsall for speaking some intemperate words, and recommending her petition to his notice on account of her family.

18th August, 1609.

P.S.—An order follows to take the poor woman's own bond for her good behaviour.

“Whereupon the poor Widow was the said day and year bailed out of prison by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor.”

No. 360. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and the other Commissioners for the Aids in the City, directing a return to be made of the sum or sums of money already levied, the sums remaining in the hands of Collectors, and the sums *Compounded* for by Deans and Chapters, and other spiritual persons, and appointing a Commission to inquire into this subject.

13th July, 1609.

RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES.

No. 157. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Master of the Green Cloth of Her Majesty's household, complaining that, contrary to the rights and privileges of this City, Wm. Beal, one of the serjeants-at-mace of the sheriffs of London, had been attached by one of the officers of the knight marshal to appear before the Board of Green Cloth for arresting Lawrence Wright within the liberties of the City, by a warrant for contempt of the Court of Common Pleas, and requesting them to excuse his attendance, and to restrain the marshal's officer from executing his office within the liberties of the City in future.

6th May, 1596.

No. 191. Letter from John Herbert to the Lord Mayor with respect to the petition of Robert Aske to her Majesty against the Lord Mayor and Aldermen for detaining from him £250, part of the profits of the farm of Leadenhall, which complaint had been referred to Dr. Cæsar and the writer for examination, and requesting that, as one John Leake now claims the same, payment may be withheld until the cause has been heard again.

12th July, 1602.

No. 193. Letter from Thomas Lord Buckhurst, Lord High Treasurer, desiring the Court of Aldermen to release Mr. John Williams from prison, to which they had committed him for holding an opinion that the Mayor and Aldermen had not absolute power of themselves to dismiss Sir Richard Marten* [Martin] from his place of Aldermanship without the consent of the ward.

22nd December, 1602.

No. 194. Letter from John Williams to the Lord Mayor, praying to be released from Newgate.

12th December, 1602.

No. 232. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Under Treasurer of the Exchequer, informing him that, by divers precedents, the Mayor and Aldermen of this City, with certain other officers to the number of 204, usually received black at the solemnity of the funeral of the kings of this realm, which custom was omitted upon the death of her Majesty, and begging that this may not be made a precedent to their prejudice in the future.

4th April, 1603.

No. 233. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council to the like effect.

8th April, 1603.

No. 236. Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of London to the King, in which they complain of certain persons endeavouring to get a grant from his Majesty of privileges which have always been enjoyed by this City both by Charter and usage.

Sans date.

Note.—No mention is made of the particular privileges referred to.

* See page 2.

No. 240. Letter from the Lord Mayor to Sir John Fortescue, knight, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, touching the City's right to a room of two square yards of ground, or thereabouts, at *Paul's Cross*,* which they have enjoyed time out of mind, and requesting him to refer the matter in dispute to some one nominated by the Duchy and the City.
8th March, 1603.

No. 298. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Board of Green Cloth, reporting the proceedings taken against Raymand's man for creating a tumult in the market and assaulting Richard Weaver, a sworn officer, for which offence he had been committed to prison, and informing them that he had understood that a summons had been served upon Weaver to attend before their Lordships; but, being contrary to the charters of the City, he had sent back the marshal's man without the said party.
28th November, 1607.

No. 312. Petition of the Mayor, Knights, and Aldermen, to the King, complaining that some knights commoners, who still carry on trade in the City, do claim priority before some of the supplicants later knighted, and praying that the matter of precedence be referred to the Earl Marshal of England: with the order of the King thereon, referring the same to the Commissioners for the office of Earl Marshal.

Dated from the Court at Newmarket, 12th March, 1607.

(*See* Thames.)

RIOTS.

No. 97. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, giving an account of the riot in Southwark, caused

* There stood at the east end of the cathedral on the north side, "about the midst of the churchyard, a pulpit crosse of timber, mounted upon steppes of stone, and covered with leade, in which are sermons preached by learned divines every Sunday in the forenoon. A general assembly was held here by command of Henry III. in 1259."—Stowe (edit. 1598). The cross was overthrown by an earthquake, 1382, but set up again by Bishop Kemp, 1449. Jane Shore did penance here in 1483. The cross was pulled down in 1643.

by certain City apprentices, who being sent by their masters to purchase mackerel at Billingsgate, and finding that some fishwives had purchased the whole store and carried them into Southwark, followed them and took the fish from them, paying for them according to a former price set by the then Lord Mayor, and reporting proceedings taken for the redress of the disorder.

14th June, 1595.

No. 98. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, reporting the proceedings taken for the punishment of some members of the Weavers' Company for publishing a certain pamphlet, and also the measures taken against the parties concerned in the late riot or disorder in Southwark.

27th June, 1595.

No. 110. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, reporting that in accordance with the directions of their Lordships, inquiry had been made by certain Aldermen touching the late disorder reported to have been committed in the heart of the City, by certain persons stopping the carmen of Mr. Anthon at the end of Milk Street, next to Cheapside, and making him unload there a pipe of starch.

14th October, 1595.

No. 113. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, with respect to the outrageous and disorderly conduct of Mr. Bate, one of her Majesty's Yeomen of the Guard, for which he had been committed to one of the Compters, but being one of her Majesty's servants, the Lord Mayor had released him from prison, and now reported his conduct, that he might receive such other correction and admonition as they might think fit.

25th October, 1595.

No. 276. Letter from the Lord Mayor to Lord Fenton, Captain of His Majesty's Guard, concerning an assault committed by one Cranford, a Yeoman of the Guard, on some poor men and labourers appointed to keep Moorfields.*

12th November, 1606.

SHERIFFS.

No. 19. Letter from the Lords of the Council to Mr. Alderman Bennett,† *Sheriff elect* of the City of London, who after being elected to that office, to avoid serving the same, did threaten to withdraw out of the realm, &c., and flee into foreign parts, ordering him to return before the 24th of June, and to submit himself to the censure of the Lord Mayor and Commons.

3rd June, 1594.

[Addressed to him at Stoad.]

No. 20. Answer addressed by Alderman Bennet to the Lords of the Council, excusing himself for going to Stoad; also enclosing a certificate from H. Ferrars, Deputy Governor.

28th June, 1594.

No. 63. A fragment of a letter to Mr. Alderman Bennet, touching his election to the Shrievalty.

21st July, 1594.

* These fields were partly drained by Thomas Falconer, Mayor, in 1415; William Hampton, Mayor in 1472, continued the work. In 1498, all the gardens, which had continued time out of mind without Moregate, were destroyed, and a plain field made for the practice of Archery; and in the Mayoralty of Roger Acheley, 1512, bridges and dykes were constructed. In 1598, Sir Thomas Seymour, Lord Mayor, caused divers sluices to be made, to convey the waste waters over the Town ditch, and so by degrees, this Fenn, or More, at length was made hard ground, and windmills erected thereon.—Stowe, edit. 1598.

† Mercer, elected Alderman of Vintry ward, Feb. 6, 1582; Sheriff, June 24, 1594; Mayor, Sep. 29, 1603.

No. 351. Letter from the Lord Mayor to Mr. John Slade, complaining of the manner in which the business of the Sheriffs' Court is conducted.

2nd September, 1609.

SOUTHWARK.

No. 97. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Treasurer, concerning the late Riot in Southwark.

(See Riots.)

No. 268. Letter from the Lord Mayor to ———, concerning a levy of money proposed to be made upon the inhabitants of the Borough of Southwark, in default of a hue and cry upon a robbery committed in the Hundred of Brixton, and requesting, that, as the inhabitants of the Borough are not liable to such levy, a day may be named when a consultation may be had, with reference to this matter.

Sans date.

No. 315. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Board of Green Cloth, touching the rating of the Carmen of this City, dwelling in Southwark, by the Justices of Surrey.

(See Carts and Carmen.)

No. 323. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Board of Green Cloth upon the same subject.

(See Carts and Carmen.)

TACKLE HOUSE PORTERS.

No. 288. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, inclosing a Petition from the Porters of the Tackle Houses of this City, praying assistance for the prevention of the inconvenience like to grow upon them

through the erection of a new office, to be established for the lading and unlading within the Port of all Merchants' goods not free of the City, and informing them that the City, by ancient custom and usage, had the appointment of these porters, and that they have always appointed poor decayed citizens, whose conduct has given satisfaction to the merchants, and employment to the industrious poor; that the proposed arrangements will throw out of employment many deserving men, and give great dissatisfaction to the merchants; and beseeching their Lordships to intercede with his Majesty, that this injustice may not be put upon them.

7th June, 1607.

No. 289. Petition to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen from the Porters of the Tackle House thereon.

Sans date.

THAMES.

No. 121. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Board of Green Cloth, complaining that the Knight Marshalman had arrested the Waterbailiff of this City within the precincts and liberties of the same, contrary to the Charters granted by the Kings of this Realm, and confirmed by her Majesty, for seizing certain unlawful Nets at Sunbury, for which he ought rather to be commended than disgraced, and stating that he had been directed to attend them thereon.

6th November, 1595.

No. 123. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Admiral, in reply to his Lordship's letter touching the reason why certain Fishermen of Hampton have been restrained by the Waterbailiff from using their Nets

and other lawful engines for catching fish in the River Thames, and informing him that the said Fishermen have not been restrained from using lawful Nets, but for erecting stops and weirs, contrary to the Statute of the 17 Hen. VIII. c. 18.

13th November, 1595.

No. 206. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord Bishop of London, concerning the controversy between the Fishermen of Chiswick and Hammersmith about *Hammersmith Hope*, and forwarding the orders of the Court of Aldermen copied from the Repertory in the time of Sir William Allen, Lord Mayor, when this matter was in question, and at that time determined by a verdict of an inquest.

No date, but entered in 1601.

No. 245. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Admiral (the Earl of Nottingham), touching the settlement of the dispute between the Fishermen of Hammersmith and Chiswick.

Sans date.

No. 270. Letter from the Lord Mayor to Lord ———, upon a complaint made by the Fishermen of the River Thames, of certain persons that of late had, by warrant from his Lordship, fished for Salmon before Chelsea, which place had never before been allowed for fishing, and that in consequence divers other fishermen had taken the liberty to fish disorderly in other parts, to the great discontent of many poor men, and the prejudice of the government of fishing in the river, the Conservancy being in the Mayor of this City; and requesting his Lordship to withdraw his said warrant.

Sans date.

No. 292. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Admiral (the Earl of Nottingham), as to the restoration of certain goods forfeited by Bennett Fay, and the trial by law of the unlawful fishing at Chelsea.

12th June, 1607.

No. 319. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lord High Admiral (the Earl of Nottingham), in answer to his letter complaining of the conduct of the Waterbailiff for driving stakes in the Thames before his Lordship's house, for marking the fishing bounds.

21st May, 1608.

No. 322. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Earl of Nottingham, as to the driving of stakes in the Thames before his Lordship's house for the marking of the fishing ground, and requesting him to let the matter rest until the return of the Waterbailiff from Yorkshire.

9th June, 1608.

TRADE AND MERCHANDIZE.

No. 307. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, upon the petition of divers Merchants, complaining that Sir Thomas Bartlett, Knight, had exhibited an information in the Crown Office against Richard Ellis, for transporting into this realm Pines to the value of £90, contrary to the statute the 5th of Elizabeth, and praying that as of late the same has been tolerated, the Citizens may be permitted to trade freely in that commodity.

5th February, 1607.

No. 311. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, reporting the results of his inquiries as to the

price of Brimstone and Danske Corporis; he states that he finds the best and cheapest Brimstone is that which is brought from foreign parts, the refined in rolls and the unrefined in lumps, and is usually sold for 12s. or 12s. 6d. a hundred, accounting 102 to the 100, and in times of war much dearer; the Corporis is brought from Danskes in Poland only, and is now sold at 12s. 6d. the hundredweight, and is far finer and better than any yet made in England.

— March, 1607.

No. 325. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Earl of Salisbury, Lord High Treasurer, enclosing a petition from the Shopkeepers of the Exchange, touching a building in course of erection at Durham House, in the Strand, which they consider is meant to be employed as a Pawne or Exchange, for the sale of such things as are usually uttered in the Royal Exchange, and which, being situated near to Whitehall and in the highway, will be injurious not only to the Shopkeepers but to the Citizens at large, and tend to the destruction of trade, and beseeching his Lordship to consider the consequences to the City.

30th June, 1608.

No. 340. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Earl of Salisbury, Lord High Treasurer, touching the price of Alum and Pewter.

18th January, 1608.

No. 342. Letter from the Lord Mayor to Sir Edward Cooke, Knight, Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, touching a suit pending before his Lordship, between Richard Joanes, of the Parish of St. Botolph without Bishopsgate, and Richard Giles, of the same Parish, concerning a penal statute of buying and selling Wool, and informing him

that the said Giles is a very honest Wool-comber and very useful in his Craft, and beseeching his kind consideration in his behalf.

4th February, 1608.

No. 355. Letter from Lord Salisbury to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, in reply to a petition from the Shopkeepers of the Exchange, giving an account of the erecting of an Exchange, or Pawne, at Durham House, in the Strand, and the reasons for the building.

20th July, 1608.

WATER.

No. 32. Letter from Lord Burghley to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, requesting them to supply the House of Lord Cobham, at Blackfriars, with a small Quill of water.

30th September, 1594.

No. 184. Letter from Lady Essex and the Lady Walsingham, her mother, to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, for a continuance of the pipe of water which had been formerly granted to the Lord Admiral for the use of Essex House.

21st November, 1601.

No. 321. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Earl of Suffolk, Lord Chamberlain, concerning the stoppage of a Quill of water formerly granted for the use of Essex House, and informing him that the water in the conduits becoming very low, and the poor very clamorous in this time of dearth, it became necessary to cut off several of the Quills, and that complaints had been made of the extraordinary waste of water in Essex House, it being taken not only for dressing meat, but for the laundry, the stable, and other offices, which might be otherwise served.

8th June, 1608.

- No. 347. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, stating that in the third year of His Majesty's reign was passed an Act of Parliament * for the bringing of a fresh stream of running *water* from the springs of Chawdwell and Amwell unto the north parts of the City, and that Mr. Hugh Middleton, Goldsmith, had undertaken, as deputy to this City, to perform the same, and requesting them to give instructions to the Justices of the Peace for Herts and Middlesex to assist him and his men all in their power.
- 10th July, 1609.

WATERMEN.

- No. 308. Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Lords of the Council, concerning a contribution to be given to the Watermen for their relief in this extraordinary time of *Frost*, which has closed up the *River Thames*, and so deprived them of their living; and informing their Lordships that many other trades are suffering from this severe season, as Bricklayers, Plasterers, Silk-weavers, &c., and that if they contributed to one Company they must do the like for all, and therefore praying that the Watermen may be left to help themselves by their own industry, in the same manner as other manual trades.
- 5th February, 1607.

WINDMILLS.

- No. 15. Letter from Lord Burghley to the Lord Mayor, recommending to his notice a *Mill* for the better grinding of Corn in times of frost, invented by Jacob Senoy and George Frise, of Utrecht, Holland, and suggesting that if upon trial the same be found satisfactory they should buy it, and place it at the Bridge-house as a pattern in time of need.
- 18th September, 1594.

* 3 James I., c. xviii., 1605, and 4 James I., c. xii., 1606, gave the Corporation of London power to bring water to London from Amwell. They transferred their power to Sir Hugh Middleton, Citizen and Goldsmith, by Indentures dated April 21, 1609, and Mar. 28, 1611. The works completed, and the river opened, Sep. 29, 1620.

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No. 159. Letter from the King (Charles I.) to the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs, requiring them to give directions to their officers to forbear to embrace or intermeddle with any matter, cause, or suit affecting contracts made, or other things or persons done beyond or upon the seas; for freight or mariners' wages; for the breaches of Charter parties, though they be made within the Realm; for building, amending, saving, or necessary victualling of ships; and for personal contracts and injuries done in all navigable rivers;—which matters ought to be heard and determined in the High Court of Admiralty.

30th March, 1635.

ALDERMEN.

No. 77. Letter from the King to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, requesting them to excuse Robert Mildmay* from serving the office of Alderman, because he is entirely settled in the country, where the King may charge him with

* A member of the Grocers' Company. Elected Alderman of Vintry, September 19, 1626; refused to serve, and paid the fine of £500.

services wherein other gentlemen of estate resident in the country are usually employed; or, if this cannot be done without very much inconvenience, that his fine may be so moderated that it may appear the King's request has not been fruitless.

11th October, 1626.

No. 80. Letter from Lord Keeper Coventry* to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen with reference to the case of Mr. Francis Pember,† who had been elected Alderman, and so consequently would be chosen Sheriff at the next election, requesting them, in consequence of the insufficiency of his estate, and the fact that he had the last year served the office of Sheriff of Herefordshire—where he resided, and his accounts had not then been passed at the Exchequer—to discharge him, or moderate his fine.

24th April, 1624.

APOTHECARY.

No. 4. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor on behalf of James Garrett, “our Apothecary,” who had complained that he was opposed and troubled in his profession by some rather of spleen than for any just cause, and requesting that, so far as it may stand with justice, the Lord Mayor will free him from such troubles as are of malice and emulation practised against him.

9th April, 1614.

ARTILLERY COMPANY.

No. 14. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen with respect to the complaint made against Captain Panton of the Artillery Company, and

* Appointed Recorder, Nov. 16th, 1616 (Rep. 33, fo. 5); Solicitor-General, 1616; Attorney-General, 1620; Lord Keeper, November 1st, 1625.

† Ironmonger. Elected Alderman of Castle Baynard, March 7th, 1625.

recommending the withdrawal from office for a time of Captain Panton and Captain Bingham; and further requesting them, with the assistance of the captains of the City's companies, to select, *one* Captain for the Company in the Artillery Yard from Captains Panton, Bingham, and Brett.

5th March, 1615.

No. 37. Letter from Sir H. Montague* and Sir Horatio Vere† to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen with respect to the matter of Captain Panton, and recommending him for some recompense in respect of his seven years' service, "because the Lords may take no further knowledge of his "grievances and cause of complaint."

24th January, 1619.

No. 91. Order in Council for repressing the mutinous and disorderly conduct of sundry persons of the Artillery Yard who had assumed to themselves the right of choosing their own captains, &c., and had disobeyed warrants sent by the Lord Mayor, and other matters; and directing that the whole ordering of that body shall rest in the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, and that the Lord Mayor do cause examination to be made as to the originators of the disorders, and inflict such punishment as he shall think fit by imprisonment or otherwise, reporting his proceedings to the Council.

2nd March, 1631.

No. 92. Order in Council for settlement of the controversy between the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen and the Artillery Company,—declaring the King's determination to take the appointment of Captain of the Company into his own hands, and that, by the first institution, the appointment of President and all other officers should be with

* See note page 48.

† Youngest brother of Sir Francis Vere, and accompanied him in his expeditions. Created Baron Vere of Tilbury, July 25th, 1625; made Master of the Ordnance, March, 1629.

him ; but that, because he will not always have the trouble of choosing, the Lord Mayor is to choose them all but the Captain (except when the King shall think fit to take the pains therein). The Treasurer is not to be considered as included among the officers ; but, being a particular trust, is to be left to the choice of the Company. The order also contains other details.

18th April, 1632.

No. 131. Order in Council for settlement of all contentions with respect to the Company of the Artillery Garden, directing that the King will reserve to himself the appointment of the Captain ; that the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen shall appoint the President ; and that all other officers shall be chosen and appointed by the Company ; that the Captain shall be paid £50 per annum out of the moneys quarterly paid by each of the Company, and that all other officers who formerly received pay shall have their accustomed salaries.

4th July, 1634.

BUILDINGS.

No. 19. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor for the appointment of four Aldermen, to see to the putting in execution of his Majesty's Proclamations for preventing the great increase of new buildings.

29th March, 1617.

No. 40. Letter from Sir Thomas Coventry and Sir Robert Heath* to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, requesting them to take speedy course for preventing William Oxebo—a brazier, who had taken a house in Leadenhall-street, next adjoining to that in which Mr. Auditor Sawyer kept the

* Appointed Recorder, Nov. 10th, 1618 (Rep. 34, fo. 4 b.); resigned, 1620; M.P. for London and Solicitor-General, 1621; Attorney-General, Oct. 31st, 1625; Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, Oct. 26th, 1631; discharged Sept. 14th, 1634; appointed Justice of the King's Bench, Jan. 23rd, 1641; Chief Justice of the King's Bench, Oct. 31st, 1643; fled to France, 1646.

records and accounts of His Majesty's revenues in several counties, from erecting a forge there for melting and hammering, to the great annoyance of the clerks, who were daily writing, examining, and casting accounts.

29th June, 1622.

No. 95. Order in Council, upon the complaint of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City, as to the inconveniences arising from the great increase of buildings in the suburbs of the City, referring it to Lord Cottington, Secretaries Coke and Windebank, to call before them the Commissioners for Buildings, the Attorney General, and the Recorder; and, with their aid, to devise remedy for the inconveniences complained of, reporting their proceedings to the Council.

29th November, 1632.

No. 182. Order in Council, to the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of the City, and to the Justices of the Peace of Westminster and Middlesex, reciting their former orders for the demolishing of all new buildings erected within the said cities and suburbs, contrary to His Majesty's Proclamation, and for staying the erection of certain buildings by the Earl of Bedford,* in a passage or alley leading from Covent Garden to St. Martin's Lane; and requiring the said Lord Mayor, &c., to inquire what houses have been erected since, and contrary to, the said orders; and the said Justices to view whether the Earl of Bedford has stopped the erection of his said buildings, and to report thereon.

18th December, 1636.

No. 185. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor requiring a survey to be made of all houses built within the last seven years, for the habitation of poor people chargeable to the parish in which such houses are situate,

* Francis, fourth Earl of Bedford.

with the names of the owners and occupiers thereof: of all houses which had been divided into several habitations within the same period, the names of the owners and occupiers, and whether any of the under-tenants are chargeable to the parish; of all houses similarly divided above seven years past and since Lady-day, 1603, with the names of the owners, &c., as before; of what inmates, placed within seven years past, in any houses whatsoever and wheresoever built, are continued;—the names of the inmates, and of those by whom they are placed and continued.

8th March, 1639.

CLOTH, SEARCHING OF.

No. 204. Order of the Inner Star Chamber concerning the recent proclamation, directing that, for the prevention of abuses, all Cloth brought to the City to be sold should be taken to Blackwell Hall to be searched, requiring the Lord Mayor, upon occasions when the quantity is so large as not to be able to be received there, to appoint Leadenhall, or some other convenient place in the City, for the like service.

13th April, 1638.

COALS.

No. 215. Order in Council reciting certain orders made by the Governor, Deputy-Governor, Wardens, and Assistants of the Society of Coal Merchants, with respect to the vend and delivery of Coal within the City, and for regulating the discharge of coal vessels in the river, and suspending the said orders which tend to the private profit of those of the said Corporation, and to the keeping up of the price of Coal, and directing that, for better observance of the

Order of Council, copies be sent to the Lord Mayor, to be published in such ports and places as he shall think fit, and a copy to the Governor of the said Corporation.

15th May, 1639.

COMPANIES.

No. 26. Warrant from the King (James I.) to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen with respect to the Charter granted by him to the Apothecaries' Company* to separate from the Grocers, and commanding that the same shall be enrolled, and their Apprentices admitted as Apothecaries to the Freedom, which had been refused by the Court.

11th April, 1618.

No. 56. Order in Council directing the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen to hear and determine certain matters in dispute relating to the Watermen's Company.

20th November, 1622.

No. 61. Order in Council for the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen to take such effectual course with the Goldsmiths' Company that, in case certain Goldsmiths in the Strand be compelled by the Court of Aldermen, as is proposed, to remove into the Goldsmiths' Rents, in Cheapside, they be provided with such shops and houses of the Goldsmiths' Rents as are now empty, and at such moderate rents as shall be thought reasonable, and to accommodate the Petitioners as best they can, without further trouble to the Council; and, in case the Goldsmiths' Company are refractory, to report what is best to be done.

7th August, 1624.

* Dated December 6th, 1615.

No. 155. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, requiring them, in conformity with former orders of the Council, for the supplying the Goldsmiths' Rows in Cheapside and Lombard-street with Goldsmiths, and for the removal therefrom of persons of other trades, to take security of those persons who have not removed, and of those Goldsmiths who have promised to remove thereto, to do so by Bartholomew's-day next, or, in default of security, to commit them to prison; and further, to arrange that such Goldsmiths as cannot be accommodated in the above places, be located together in some other principal and open places within the jurisdiction of the City.

15th July, 1635.

No. 156. Further letter from the Council to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen upon the same subject, complaining that nothing has been done, and requiring them to proceed effectually therein, and to cause the former orders of the Board to be speedily performed.

31st January, 1635.

No. 157. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen upon a complaint made to them by the Goldsmiths of the fraudulent marking of a pewter plate with the silver plate mark of the Goldsmiths' Company, and requiring them to call before them the maker of the plate, the engraver of the stamp, and any other the Goldsmiths shall discover to have practised the like fraud, and also the Wardens of the Pewterers' Company, and to take steps to punish the offenders, and to restrain such practices.

31st January, 1635.

No. 163. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, forwarding copy of a

petition to the Board from Goldsmiths inhabiting Fleet-street, the Strand, and other public places in and near the City, and requiring them to examine the allegations thereof, and, if found true, to take effectual order with the Master and Wardens of the Goldsmiths' Company and their lessees that the shops in Cheapside and Lombard-street may be disposed of, according to the former orders of the Board, at moderate and indifferent rents; and directing that, whereas the petitioners say there are but thirty-four such shops now to be disposed of, and that the Goldsmiths comprehended in the former orders are one hundred families and upwards, the Court of Aldermen do take means that those who cannot be accommodated as above may be fitted in some commodious place in an open street—as Fleet-street or the Strand,—and that they be not permitted to settle in any by-lanes or alleys, and that they dwell as near together as may be.

31st May, 1635.

No. 208. Letter from the King to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, informing them that he has granted a Charter* of Incorporation to the Distillers' Company, and requiring them to enrol them as a Free Company of the City.

13th August, 1638.

No. 217. Letter from the King to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, intimating that he has been informed that they have impugned the Charter granted by him to the Distillers' Company, and have refused to enrol the same, and to admit them and their Apprentices as Distillers to the Freedom of the City, and requiring their conformity and obedience therein.

7th December, 1638.

No. 219. Letter from Secretary Windebanke to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen with respect to their continued

* Dated August 9th, 1638.

refusal to enrol the Charter of the Distillers' Company ; requiring their conformity without further delay, and stating that his Majesty is resolved, if his commands be further neglected, to use some coercive way for despatch of the business, and by that means vindicate his own honour.

10th September, 1639.

No. 223. Letter from Secretary Windebanke, &c. (Copy of the preceding letter, *No.* 219.)

10th September, 1639.

No. 224. Further letter from the King to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, with respect to their long delay and refusal to enrol the Charter of the Distillers' Company upon pretence of weakening other Companies, of which these Distillers are now members, in bearing the public charges of the City,—informing them that he is not satisfied with their allegations, for most of the Companies have been derived from those that were in times past, without prejudice to the City or the Companies whence they were taken, and again commanding them without further dispute to enrol the Charter, &c., and intimating that he will not permit further delay, but will expect present conformity, as they will answer for their neglect, if not contempt, of his royal commands.

30th October, 1639.

ECCLESIASTICAL AND THEOLOGICAL.

No. 13. Letter from John Prideaux* (Exeter College) to the Lord Mayor, excusing himself from accepting an appointment (probably as Easter Preacher) because his daily employ-

* Elected Bishop of Worcester November 22nd, 1641 ; consecrated at Westminster, the 19th December following.

ment in the University gave him no time to fit himself for such a business, and that he was in a manner engaged there for Easter Day.

7th February (no year).

No. 15. Letter from Lawrence Britton (Cambridge) to the Lord Mayor, accepting the appointment to preach on certain days, of which he desires notice in fit time (the marginal note says, "preaching in Paules").

15th February, 1618.

No. 143. Order in Council with respect to differences between the clergy and their parishioners concerning Tithes, which the King desired to be left to his arbitration, and upon which the clergy, the Recorder, and some Aldermen had been summoned; but they, pleading that they came not as parties interested, but only in obedience to his pleasure, had asked for time to consult the Common Council. The matter was therefore adjourned till the 16th November instant.

5th November, 1634.

No. 144. Order of Council touching the matter in dispute concerning Tithes,—reciting that the Recorder had stated that in the reign of Henry VIII., upon a similar occasion, the question was propounded to the several Wards, and the Common Council, having received their answers thereupon, submitted to the course set down, and had asked that the same course might be taken now, the rather because the authority of the said Common Council is only for matter of government and safety, not meddling with the right or interest of any. The King absolutely declared he would not wait for such a manner of proceeding, but would expect a full answer from the Lord Mayor, and also from the Common Council, which is the representative body, by the 23rd instant.

16th November, 1634.

No. 145. Further Order in Council concerning Tithes: the submission of the clergy and the City being presented to the Board by instruments in writing, the 18th January next appointed for the hearing of the cause before the Council.

14th December, 1634.

No. 149. Order of the King to all Judges, Barons of Exchequer, &c. &c., to stay proceedings against William Stanford, one of the Queen's servants, for recusancy.

9th January, 1634.

No. 150. Copy of the instrument, under the City Seal, for submitting to the King's award in the matter in dispute concerning Tithes, referred to in Letter *No.* 145.

19th November, 1634.

No. 179. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, Justices of the Peace of the City, requiring them forthwith to direct the Deputies and Constables of their several Wards to certify to them the names of all Popish Recusants residing therein, which certificate is to be forwarded to the Council before the beginning of Michaelmas term next.

23rd June, 1636.

No. 203. Order in Council with respect to the differences concerning the valuation of the Tithes in the several benefices in the City, and directing meetings to be held in the several parishes between the clergy and persons appointed on their behalf, on the one hand, and the Alderman of the Ward, or his deputy, or persons appointed by them, on the other hand, to enquire and certify (if they can agree thereupon) the clear and independent maintenance of each of the said ministers for the present year, and of all

impropriations as well by Tithes as by glebe or casual duties; and also a moderate valuation of the houses and other things titheable in each parish. The Certificate is to be presented to his Majesty the first Sunday in June next, and if the parties cannot agree upon a valuation, they are to certify separately.

22nd April, 1638.

No. 206. Order in Council extending the time allowed for the presentation of the valuation concerning Tithes, &c., to the first Sunday after Michaelmas.

27th May, 1638.

ENCROACHMENTS.

No. 132. Order in Council upon the petition of John Sanders, one of his Majesty's coachmen, and others his Majesty's servants, directing the stoppage of certain encroachments in the City.

30th April, 1634.

FIRES.

No. 202. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, with respect to the late fire near Arundel House, at which the good use of the engines for spouting water did manifestly appear, though there were none brought until it was late, because there were no engines in the parishes near thereabout; recommending that there may be a frequent provision made of them, so that they may be near and ready at hand on all occasions, and that the great parishes should provide themselves with engines, and the lesser ones should join together in providing them; and conveying their thanks to Mr.

Sheriff Atkins,* who did good service in person at the fire.

10th March, 1637.

FREEDOM.

No. 1. Letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury† to the Lord Mayor, soliciting the freedom of the City for Thomas Montford.

2nd March, 1613.

No. 2. Letter from Sir Thomas Egerton‡ to the Lord Mayor for the like for Robert Newton.

21st February, 1613.

No. 10. Letter from Thomas Harris to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen for the like for his servant and minister (no name).

18th February, 1613.

No. 11. Letter from Francis Goston to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen for the like for Cuthbert Lyn.

17th August, 1614.

No. 25. Letter from Sir Thomas Lake§ to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen for the admission of John Prichard to the freedom in the Company of C—— (illegible).

2nd November, 1617.

* Sir Thomas Atkins, Mercer, of Lynn, Norfolk.

† George Abbot, D.D.

‡ Afterwards Lord Ellesmere. See note, page 21.

§ One of the Principal Secretaries of State. Committed to the Tower, February 15th, 1619.

No. 28. Letter signed “ Jo Lincoln, elect Custos Sigilli ”* to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, soliciting the freedom of the City for Roger Pimble.

1st October, 1621.

No. 38. Letter from Sir James Ley, Bart., † to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen for the like for William Shereston.

8th March, 1621.

No. 41. Letter from Sir George Calvert ‡ to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, soliciting the freedom of the City for Gyles Horne, a tailor, who had taken a house within Temple Bar without considering that he was a foreigner, until he perceived himself in some danger of being troubled.

22nd December, 1621.

No. 73. Letter from Sir Robert Heath to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, requesting them to admit to the freedom by redemption one John Tailor, a haberdasher, who had served seven years, but only five by indenture, his master having died.

2nd November, 1624.

* The celebrated Lord Keeper Williams. Having taken orders, he was appointed to a small living in Norfolk. He became Chaplain to Lord Chancellor Ellesmere, and was made Dean of Westminster, 1621. On the deprivation of Lord Bacon, in 1621, he was appointed Keeper of the Great Seal, and the office was put into commission for a time to enable him to acquire a knowledge of the law. In the meantime he was made a Privy Councillor, and appointed Bishop of Lincoln. He was consecrated November 11th, 1621. He was installed Lord Keeper, October 9th, 1621; and translated to the Archbishopric of York, December 4th, 1641.

† Appointed Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench, January 29th, 1621; Lord Treasurer, December 20th, 1624; created Lord Ley, December 31st, 1624; Earl of Marlborough, May, 1625.

‡ Appointed one of the Secretaries of State for life, February 14th, 1619.

HAY AND STRAW, WEIGHING OF.

No. 160. Order in Council confirming an agreement between the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen and Clement Lanier, his Majesty's Patentee for weighing of hay and straw brought to the City, for ascertaining their respective rights concerning the weighing of hay and straw in Smithfield.

10th April, 1635.

IRELAND AND IRISH LANDS.

No. 147. Petition of the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London, and of the Governor and Assistants of the Irish Society, on behalf of themselves and the several companies of the City, to the King, with respect to questions made and suits begun on his Majesty's behalf, touching the Irish lands, and beseeching his merciful consideration, they being much indebted, and having forthwith to be at great charge, in respect of sewers, ditches, water-gates, and prisons, and in bringing water to the City, besides the great loss by the late sudden and lamentable fire on London Bridge.

Sans date.

No. 148. Letter from the King, recommending Captain Bingham to be appointed Keeper of Kilmore Castle, vacant by the death of Captain Baker.

16th January, 1627.

KING.

No. 66. Letter from Sir Edward Conwey* to the Lord Mayor, certifying by his Majesty's command, that news had arrived

* One of the Secretaries of State, created Baron Conwey of Ragley, co. Warwick, March 23rd, 1625.

from his ambassadors that his marriage with the excellent Lady Mary,* sister to the French King, was accomplished on Sunday last at Paris, and requesting that joy be expressed thereat by bonfires and all other ways usual.

Sans date.

No. 81. Letter from Lord Arundel and Surrey† to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, intimating that the King's (Charles I.) coronation had been fixed to take place on Candlemas Day, and that he intended to make the solemn entry from the Tower to Westminster the day before (1st February), and giving them the earliest notice with a view to due preparations being made for honouring his passage through the City.

26th December, 1625.

LEATHER—SEARCHING AND SEALING OF.

No. 138. Order in Council for reformation of abuses occasioned by the inefficiency of the officers appointed to search and seal tanned leather,—directing the Lord Mayor, on Saint Bartholomew's Day next ensuing, to admit and swear the eight persons into the said offices for the year ensuing, of whom the four companies using the cutting of leather made certificate to the Attorney General to be honest and expert, and to see that in future none be admitted but the best experienced and honest men upon the certificate of the said companies; that the said companies be careful and diligent in their quarterly search; and that the tanners report where they find hides gashed, in order that the offenders may be punished.

17th April, 1634.

* Henrietta Maria, Queen of Charles I.

† Thomas Howard, created Earl Marshal, 1621; Earl of Norfolk, June 6th,

LOANS AND SUBSIDIES.

No. 44. Letter from the King (James I.) to the Common Council for the loan of £100,000 from the City.

20th January, 1617.

No. 67. Letter from the Lord Chancellor (the Bishop of Lincoln)* to the Lord Mayor and the rest of the Commissioners for the subsidies in the City, with respect to the amounts of subsidy obtained from the gentry and commonalty in all parts of the kingdom, "which are fallen almost a moiety without any colour of reason," and requiring them to take notice of the several totals to which the particular subsidies have amounted since the 20th Elizabeth, and acquaint the rest of the commoners with the same, and to let them know that his Majesty expects the highest proportion in all those totals, or some satisfactory reasons for any failing or abatement thereof.

31st August, 1625.

No. 90. Letter from the King to the Common Council for the loan of £100,000.

20th January, 1617.

Note in the margin. — "Mem. This original Lre. remayneth in y^e hands of Mr. Marshe." (This Letter is a copy of No. 44, above.)

No. 226. Letter from the King to ——— (the Lord Mayor) for an immediate loan from the City of £100,000, for which he has given order to the Treasurer of the Exchequer to furnish him with assignments out of the Collections and choicest branches of the revenue.

16th April, 1640.

* See Note page 107,

No. 233. Letter from the Council of Peers* to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, citizens, and commonalty of the City, informing them that, having been assembled at York by writ under the Great Seal, the King had declared to them his intention to summon a Parliament at Westminster, the 3rd November next, and that the Lords appointed by the King and the Council of Peers are about to meet the Scotch at Ripon, from which meeting they are not without hope that things may come to a speedy and happy conclusion, but that in the meantime the army in the north must be kept up till, by the effect of the treaty or the wisdom of Parliament, some course may be taken for a firm peace or just war; that he is altogether unprovided with means to keep his army together until Parliament settle some such course as they shall think fittest, and intimating their opinion that it is necessary the King should be supplied with £200,000. And that, not doubting the City's ability and willingness to provide that sum, they have deputed certain Lords of the Great Council therein mentioned, assisted by the principal officers of his Majesty's revenue, to treat with them as to security and days of payment, and offering themselves to join in any further security that shall be agreed upon.

25th September, 1640.

No. 243. Further Letter from the Council of Peers to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, citizens, and commonalty of the City, thanking them for their cheerfulness and forwardness in complying with their application for the loan of £200,000, and praying them to make all possible speed in supplying the residue of the money, that it may not be useless by coming too late.

19th October, 1640.

* The Great Council of Peers summoned by Charles I. to meet at York, on the 24th September, 1640. Lingard, Vol. x., pp. 96-7.

LONDON BRIDGE.

No. 165. Order in Council for the repair, restoration, and enlargement of the passage way of London Bridge (“become ruinous by the late accident of fire”), and for the removal of buildings thereon.

5th August, 1635.

MAYOR.

Dispute as to the carrying up of the sword before the Lord Mayor in Saint Paul’s Cathedral.

(*See* Paul’s, St., the Cathedral of.)

MERCHANDIZE.

No. 12. Order from the Lords of the Treasury that a quantity of logwood, the property of Hugh Jones, a merchant of London, which he had caused to be sent to London in ignorance of the restraint laid upon that commodity, and which had been seized, might be delivered up to him upon his giving good security to export the same to foreign parts not to be brought back again.

30th August, 1619.

MERCHANTS STRANGERS.

No. 166. Letter from the King to the Lord Mayor, that, being purposed to advise of some such course for the regulating of merchants strangers as shall be agreeable to justice and the practice of former times, he had appointed Oliver St. John, Esq., to peruse the records of the City and other places thereon, and requiring that directions might be given that he may be shown such records, and take copies of such as he may think necessary.

13th August, 1635.

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 127. Letter from W. N. M. to ———, forwarding a gratuity, as a remembrance of due thankfulness for his honourable favour.

Sans date.

MUNICIPAL INSTITUTIONS.

No. 124. Order in Council for preventing the increase of new buildings, and appointing a Special Committee of their own body to confer with the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, and also with the Judges and his Majesty's learned counsel, and to consider whether by increasing the number of Wards in the suburbs they may not all be reduced to the two Incorporations of London and Westminster, and such conformity established in them that the one may not hinder or incommode the other.

No date or heading to this entry, *circa* 1633-4.

No. 200. Order in Council, with respect to the new Corporation of the suburbs, extending the time until Christmas next for persons to be received into the Freedom of the said new Corporation, and directing that whereas the new Corporation was directed not to meddle with the inhabitants of Duke's Place, Blackfriars, Whitefriars, and Coleherbert (Coleharbour, Thames Street), as being within the liberties of the City, his Majesty's Attorney-General, and Mr. Solicitor, shall call for the Recorder and the counsel of the City, together with Mr. Lewkenor and Mr. Reding, Chamberlains of the said new Corporation, and after perusal of the charters and hearing the parties, shall settle the business between them if they can, or acquaint his Majesty and the Board with the true state

of these places, how they stand in regard of the two Corporations of London, and the suburbs.

5th November, 1637.

NAVAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS.

No. 31. Letter from Sir William Waad* to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen on behalf of Geter Lutterell, a poor aged blind soldier, that some yearly pension may be granted to him out of the collections gathered in the City, according to the statute provided in that behalf.

17th August, 1621.

No. 32. Letter from Sir Lionel Cranfield,† Lord Manchester,‡ and others, to the same, for a soldier's pension to Richard Jennings, who is now aged and impotent.

12th —, 1621.

No. 69. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, intimating that the forces lately levied being much diminished by runaways, sickness, and death, a further levy of 2,000 men is ordered, the raising of 1,000 of whom is assigned to the City; and praying that especial care may be had in the choice of men of able bodies and years fit for their employment, and as many as can be lighted on of those that are run away (but none to be taken from the Trained Bands, which are to be kept entire),—with directions for their march to Dover.

19th January, 1624.

* See Note page 41.

† Created Baron Cranfield, July 9, 1621; appointed Lord Treasurer, October 13, 1621; created the first Earl of Middlesex, 1622.

‡ Sir Henry Montagu. See Note page 48.

No. 70 Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, requesting him not only to permit and suffer the raising of volunteers within his jurisdiction, but also to afford to the officers engaged therein his best advice, assistance and furtherance, and to give notice thereof to the justices of the peace and others; and further, to give his best assistance for the apprehension of runaways, and for their committal to prison unless they submit.

25th February, 1624.

No. 71. Warrant from the King (Charles I.) to the Lord Mayor for levying 1,000 men—"part of 10,000, to be raised by "our dear father's gracious purpose, according to the "advice of both his Houses of Parliament, in contem- "plation of the distress and necessity of our dear brother "and sister."*

1st May, 1625.

No. 72. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, with particular instructions with respect to the levying of the above 1,000 men, and for their payment and conduct to Plymouth by the 25th of this present month.

6th May, 1625.

No. 74. Order in Council that, as the City cannot well levy the whole number of 1,000 men ordered to be raised for the service of the Prince and Princess Palatine, 200 shall be raised in the County of Middlesex and 800 in the City; the 200 raised in Middlesex to be sent to the Lord Mayor, who shall take care and have them safely conducted to Plymouth by the 25th inst.

12th May, 1625.

* The Prince and Princess Palatine.

No. 78. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, forwarding a petition from Thomas Tapping, an aged man, for some allowance or pension, as a maimed soldier.

22nd July, 1626.

No. 136. Order in Council forwarding copy of an Ordinance by His Majesty for the reform of the *March* of this our English nation, corrupted by time and negligence of drummers, and for restoring it to the ancient gravity by the establishment of one constant measure, to be hereafter observed and beaten by all English drummers, in order that the said ordinance, being imparted to the colonels, and by them to the captains of the several regiments of the City, may be duly observed in all musters of the Trained Bands.

10th March, 1633.

No. 152. See "Trained Bands."

No. 164. Order of the Star Chamber directing the Lord Mayo. and Court of Aldermen to put in execution the Act 2 and 3 Philip and Mary,* for punishment of Watermen upon the River Thames absenting themselves during the time of pressing for the Navy.

17th April, 1634.

No. 178. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, recommending the petition of John Mason, a poor aged and maimed soldier, for the restoration of his former pension.

30th October, 1635.

No. 216. Letter from the King to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City, informing them that the

* 2nd & 3rd Philip and Mary, cap. xvi. 1555.

late disorder in Scotland—begun upon pretence of religion, but now appearing to have been raised by factious spirits, and fomented by some few ill and traitorously-affected particular persons, to work their own ends and shake off all monarchical government—is now grown to such a height that great and considerable forces are assembled there, and that he has resolved to repair in person to the northern parts of the realm, there to make, with the assistance of his good subjects, resistance against any invasion that may happen, and has directed the raising of a considerable army in all the shires to attend him, and has required all the nobility to attend the royal standard at York, on the 1st April next, and requesting the City to certify, within fifteen days, to one of the Secretaries of State, what assistance he may expect from them.

4th January, 1638.

No. 232. Letter from the King to the same, thanking them for the willing compliance with the present great and urgent occasions of his service.

Dated York, 8th October, 1640.

OFFICES AND OFFICERS.

No. 5. Letter from Sir John Crooke* to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, soliciting the reversion of a Common Pleader's place for John Keelinge.

2nd November, 1618.

* Elected Recorder, November 11th, 1635 (Rep. 23, fol. 461), M.P. for London, 1597-1601; Speaker of the House of Commons, 1601-3; Judge of the King's Bench, June 25th, 1607.

No. 6. Letter from Sir Francis Bacon* to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, soliciting the reversion of a Common Pleader's place next after Mr. Salter for Thomas Brickenden.

Sans date.

No. 7. Letter from H. Montague (Recorder), relative to the placing of his arms in the new Council Chamber, and complaining of the position assigned to them.

27th October, 1614.

No. 16. Letter from Sir Henry Hobarte † to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, soliciting the appointment to clerkship for Richard Stone, and his admission to the freedom to qualify him for the same.

Sans date.

No. 17. Letter from George Snygge ‡ to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen on behalf of his nephew, Galterne, who is a suitor for the ordinary fee heretofore allowed unto his place of daily attendance for the despatch of causes and other extraordinary business of the City.

2nd December, 1616.

No. 18. Letter from Sir Francis Bacon and other Benchers of Gray's Inn to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, soliciting the appointment of a Judge of one of the Sheriffs'

* Knighted July 16th, 1603; made Solicitor-General, June 25th, 1607; Attorney-General, October 27th, 1613; Lord Keeper, March 7th, 1617; Baron Verulam and Lord Chancellor, January 4th, 1618; Viscount St. Albans, January 27th, 1621; deprived of the Great Seal, May 1st, 1621.

† Appointed Attorney-General, July 4th, 1606; created a Baronet on the institution of the Order in 1611; Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, November 26th, 1613.

‡ Made one of the Barons of the Exchequer, October 14th, 1604.

Courts for Richard Gippes, who had the reversion thereof,
loco Coventrie, appointed Recorder.

20th November, 1626.

No. 20. Letter from Sir Laurence Tanfield* and others (dated from Sergeants' Inn) to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, soliciting the appointment of Chaplain to the Guildhall Chapel, if now void, or the next reversion thereof, for Thomas Langley.

28th November, 1616.

No. 21. Letter from Sir Henry Montague to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, resigning the office of Recorder, the King having called him to serve him in another place, and recommending them not to be sudden in their choice of a successor, because, in a place so near the King, His Majesty may expect to be made acquainted with their intention.

16th November, 1616.

No. 22. Letter from Sir Henry Montague to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen for the reversion of a Common Pleader's place for Mr. Calthorpe.†

13 May, 1618.

No. 23. Letter from Sir Henry Hobarte to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen for the like for Mr. John Finch.

22nd June, 1618.

No. 30. Letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, soliciting them to admit Tilney Couchman an Attorney of the Sheriffs' Court *loco* Robert Cracherve, who is a prisoner for debt.

9th November, 1620.

* Appointed one of the Justices of the King's Bench, January 13th, 1606; Chief Baron of the Exchequer, June 25th, 1607.

† Probably Henry Calthorpe, elected Recorder, December 28th, 1635.

No. 35. Letter from Sir Thomas Coventry to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, soliciting the reversion of the place of an Attorney of the Sheriffs' Court for George Perkins.

23rd October, 1620.

No. 36. Letter from Lord Pembroke * to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen on behalf of the above.

31st December, 1619.

No. 39. Letter from the Lord Chancellor (Lord Verulam †) to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, soliciting the reversion of a Common Pleader's place for Edward Ayscough.

21st November, 1620.

No. 42. Letter from the King to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen with respect to his recommendation of Heneage Finche, Esq., ‡ to be Recorder, and explaining that it was his purpose not to deprive them of their liberty of choice, but only to signify his good opinion of him.

9th February, 1620.

No. 43. Letter from the Earl of Buckingham § to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, signifying his Majesty's desire that Mr. Shute, || of Gray's Inn, should be elected Recorder.

17th January, 1620.

* William Herbert, third Earl of Pembroke, K.G., Chancellor of the University of Oxford, and Lord Chamberlain of the Household.

† Sir Francis Bacon. See note, page 118.

‡ Elected Recorder, February 15th (Rep. 35, fol. 105), M.P. for London, 1624-25.

§ George Villiers, K.G., appointed Master of the Horse, 1616; created Earl of Buckingham, 1617; Marquis, 1618; Duke, 1623.

|| Elected Recorder, January 20th, 1620 (Rep. 35, fol. 72), died the same year (Rep. 35, fol. 105^b.)

No. 46. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen by command of His Majesty, recommending Mr. Harbert Finche for the next reversion of the office of Common Crier and Sergeant-at-Arms.

3rd November, 1622

No. 47. Letter from Sir James Ley to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, soliciting the reversion of a Common Pleader's place for Mr. Francis Walsted.

21st February, 1622.

No. 48. Letter from H. Mandeville* to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, soliciting for John Willson the place of one of the servants of the City for Music and Voice, vacant by the death of Richard Balls.

21st October, 1622.

No. 49. Letter from the Duke of Buckingham to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen on the like behalf.

4th November, 1622.

No. 54. Letter from Sir William Jones† to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, soliciting the appointment of one of the City's Counsel for Mr. Edward Bushopp.

24th October, 1624.

No. 55. Letter from Richard Hatton to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, soliciting the reversion of one of the Attorneys' and Clerk Sitters' places in the Sheriffs' Courts for Matthew Hancock, jun.

8th October, 1624.

* Henry Montague, Viscount Mandeville. *See* note, page 48.

† Appointed Chief Justice of King's Bench in Ireland, March 14th, 1617; Judge of the Common Pleas in England, 1621; transferred to King's Bench, October 17th, 1624.

No. 57. Letter from the Earl of Southampton* to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, soliciting the reversion of one of the Clerk Sitters' places in the Sheriffs' Court for Henry Whalley.

21st July, 1624.

No. 58. Letter from Robert Bacon,† Remembrancer, to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, for a continuance of the annual allowance made to him.

3rd June, 1624.

No. 59. Letter from the Lord-Keeper, the Bishop of Lincoln (Williams), to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, soliciting the reversion of the office of Sword-bearer for Mr. Humfrey Leigh,‡ His Majesty's Sergeant-at-Arms attending the Great Seal.

22nd February, 1623.

No. 62. Letter from the Lord Chancellor (the Bishop of Lincoln) to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, soliciting for Mr. David Carpenter (in whose behalf he had lately written to the Common Council for the Coroner's place) the reversion of one of the offices of Attorney of the Sheriffs' Court, Clerk of the Papers, or Clerk Sitters of the same Court.

24th January, 1623.

No. 63. Letter from Sir Julius Cæsar, Master of the Rolls, to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, soliciting the reversion of an Attorney or Clerk Sitter's place in the Sheriffs' Court for John Glyn.§

11th October, 1615.

* Henry Wriothesley, K.G., 3rd Earl, the friend of Shakespeare.

† Admitted Loco Dyos, Dec. 22, 1619. Succeeded by Thomas Wiseman, Sept. 12, 1633.

‡ Appointed Swordbearer, June 7th, 1631.

§ Probably Serjeant Glyn, elected Recorder, May 30th, 1643.

No. 64. Letter from —(no signature)— to Sir Heneage Finch, Knt., Recorder, with respect to his application for the reversion of Common Hunt's place for Hugh Smallwood.

November, 1624.

No. 79. Letter from Lord Keeper Coventry to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, soliciting the appointment of Remembrancer, which is likely to be void by the illness of Mr. Bacon, for Mr. Thomas Allured.

30th March, 1626.

No. 87. Letter from the King to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, recommending the appointment of Edward Littleton * as Recorder.

6th December, 1631.

No. 93. Letter from Lord Keeper Coventry to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, renewing his request for the appointment of Mr. Thomas Allured as Remembrancer.

12th October, 1631.

No. 129. Letter from the King to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen on behalf of Joseph Cocke, the son of Joseph Cocke, citizen and salter, who, having a grant in reversion of the offices of Town Clerk, Common Sergeant, Judges, and Secondaries, dated 10th January, 19 James I., is desirous of resigning his said grant unto such a sufficient person as the said Joseph Cocke, the elder, shall present for that purpose.

9th December, 1633.

* Elected Recorder, December 7th, 1631 (Rep. 46, fo. 39); appointed Solicitor-General, October 17th, 1634; Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, January 27th, 1640; Lord Keeper, January 18th, 1641; created Lord Lyttleton, February 18th, 1641.

No. 137. Letter from the King to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, recommending the appointment of Robert Mason* as Recorder, in which he doubts not of their conformity, especially as he has made the place void by preferring Mr. Littleton to the office of Solicitor General.

19th October, 1633.

No. 174. Letter from the King to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, recommending the appointment of Henry Calthorpe † (of the Middle Temple), Esq., as Recorder, *loco* Robert Mason, deceased.

24th December, 1635.

No. 177. Letter from the King to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, recommending the appointment of Thomas Gardiner ‡ (of the Inner Temple), Esq., as Recorder, *loco* Calthorpe, upon whom he had bestowed the place of Attorney of the Court of Wards and Liveries.

23rd January, 1635.

No. 193. Order in Council on the Petition of Yeomen Warders of the Tower, complaining that, whereas they have hitherto been exempted from all offices and services abroad, they are lately pressed to bear offices, and do services in the City, and praying that they may be relieved therefrom, and from paying and contributing thereto—directing that all such warders as dwell or keep shops, or trade in the City, however they be free from bearing offices, or doing other services in person, do find watch and ward, or contribute towards the charge thereof, as other freemen inhabitants do.

8th October, 1637.

* Elected October 20th, 1634 (Rep. 48, fo. 464).

† Elected December 28th, 1635; resigned, January 25th, 1635.

‡ Elected and sworn, January 25th, 1635 (Rep. 50, fo. 61); appointed Solicitor-General, 1643.

No. 197. Letter from the Earl of Pembroke and Mountgomery* to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, soliciting the appointment of City Chronicler, vacant by the decease of Benjamin Johnson † (Jonson), for Mr. May.

27th September, 1637.

No. 198. Letter from the Earl of Dorset‡ to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen on behalf of the same.

27th September, 1637.

No. 199. Letter from the King to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen on the same behalf. (In this letter the name is given "*Thomas May*.")

16th October, 1637.

ORPHANAGE.

No. 86. Letter from the King to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, with respect to the case of Edmond Walter, Esq., who had married Anne Banks, the orphan of John Banks, late a citizen of London, stating that, having pardoned the said Walter and the other defendants to the information before the Court of Star Chamber, he expects of the Court a like clemency on their part, and requiring that such sums of the said Anne's portion as are in their hands may be paid to the said Walter.

13th December, 1631.

No. 88. Letter from the King to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, requesting them to use all expedition and

* Philip Herbert, K.G., fourth Earl of Pembroke, created Earl of Montgomery, 1605.

† The celebrated Ben Jonson, admitted City Chronologer *loco* Thomas Middleton, September 2nd, 1628. He died August 6th, 1637.

‡ Edward Sackville, fourth Earl.

means for putting an end to the long and intricate suits brought by the son and heir, who is also the sole executor, of Robert Angell, late of London, merchant, against his father's late widow, Dame Elizabeth, now the wife of Sir George Marshall, Knight, with intent to defraud her of the thirds which are due to her by the custom of the City.

July, 1631 or 2.

No. 191. Letter from the King to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, stating that he has been informed that administration has been granted by the Prerogative Court of Canterbury to William, Lord Craven,* of the goods of Thomas Craven, his brother, dying intestate, aged eighteen years, where he had given security to account, and requiring them for preventing of all differences between the Archbishop's Court and the Court of Orphans to attempt no innovation to the prejudice of the jurisdiction ecclesiastical, or impeachment of the said administration.

23rd April, 1637.

PACKAGE, SCAVAGE, &c.

No. 106. Order in Council, upon the complaint of sundry merchants born within the kingdom, being the sons of strangers, that they pay Package, Scavage, &c., dues to the City, as merchant strangers born, appointing a Commission to enquire into the whole business of Package, Ballage, and Scavage Dues, and also of the colouring of strangers' goods by Englishmen to the prejudice of his Majesty's Customs.

16th January, 1632.

* Son of Sir William Craven, Lord Mayor, 1611; knighted and created Baron Craven, March 12th, 1626; Earl Craven, March 15th, 1663.

PAUL'S, ST., CATHEDRAL.

No. 85. Letter from the King to the Lord Mayor, with respect to the Commission lately issued for the repair of Saint Paul's, and exhorting the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs to assign out of their own purses, and out of the public treasure of the City, an honourable proportion to the work, and recommending that the money be sent to the Chamber, there to be kept and disposed of as directed by the Commission.

26th June, 1631.

No. 110. Order of the Star Chamber upon some differences lately arisen between the Lord Mayor and the Dean and Chapter of Saint Paul's concerning the carrying up of the Lord Mayor's sword within the Cathedral, and especially within the choir; and also concerning arrests made within the Cathedral churchyard and the liberties and precincts thereof, under colour of the Lord Mayor's authority; directing counsel on both sides to meet and peruse the privileges and charters of both parties, and in case they cannot amicably settle the matter, to return it to the Board for their further assistance and directions.

3rd May, 1633.

No. 114. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, expressing their regret at the smallness of the contributions towards the repair of Saint Paul's, and that only a collection from one of the Wards had been received, and requiring them to see that the contributions from the other Wards are speedily paid over to the Chamberlain.

23rd April, 1633.

No. 117. Order in Council for the attendance of the Lord Mayor and the Dean and Chapter of Saint Paul's at the

Council on the 3rd May next, for settlement of the dispute as to the carrying up of the sword before the Lord Mayor in Saint Paul's.

6th April, 1633.

No. 122. Letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, exhorting them to make additions to their former gifts for the repair of Saint Paul's, and requesting that, as many of the Aldermen the first time gave but £10, which had prevented many citizens from giving a greater sum, they will make their gifts, whatever they may be, annual.

Sans date.

No. 123. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, requesting them to give directions to the collectors to call upon all persons for their contributions in arrear for the repair of Saint Paul's, and to pay the same into the Chamber as speedily as possible, and to forward a list of all persons who have not contributed, in order that the Board may take steps for receiving such contributions as they may be willing to advance towards the work.

24th January, 1633.

No. 125. Letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury* to the Lord Mayor, &c., forwarding, by desire of the King, copy of his Majesty's letter, in which he had signified his intention of taking upon himself the cost of the repair of the whole west end of the Cathedral, and expressing his hope that the King's great munificence will stir them up to extend their charity.

28th April, 1634.

No. 126. Copy of the King's letter above referred to.

23rd April, 1634.

* Archbishop Laud; beheaded January 10th, 1644.

PLAGUE.

No. 65. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, requesting them to have infected houses cleansed and secured from future contagion, and specially the household stuffs and bedding therein, the using of diligence wherein may encourage his Majesty to approach sooner to the City, and give confidence to all to repair thither.

4th December, 1625.

No. 167. Order in Council for the levying of rates in Middlesex and Surrey for the erection of pest-houses and other places of abode for infected persons; also directing the Justices of the Peace for Middlesex to join with the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen in making additional orders, to be printed, for preventing the increase of the infection, and authorizing them, from time to time, to make such further orders thereon as they shall think fit; also directing the Churchwardens, Overseers, and Constables of every Parish to provide themselves with books for their directions; and requiring the Physicians of the City to renew the former book touching medicines against infection, and to add to and alter the same, and to cause it to be forthwith printed.

27th April, 1636.

No. 168. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen upon the apprehended increase of the plague, requiring them to meet the Justices of Middlesex, Surrey, and Westminster once or twice a week, and advise with them as to the courses taken upon former like occasions, and as to the best means to be now taken for the prevention of the increase of the plague.

7th April, 1636.

No. 173. Letter from the Council to the Lord Mayor, complaining that the *Red Cross* and the inscription "*Lord have mercy upon us,*" are placed so high, and in such obscure places, upon infected houses, as to be hardly discernible, and that they are so negligently looked to that few or none have watchmen at the doors, and that persons have been seen sitting at the doors of such houses; and requiring that the crosses and inscriptions be put in the most conspicuous places, and that the houses be strictly watched, and none permitted to go out or in, or sit at the doors, and that such as wilfully do so be shut up with the rest of the infected persons; and that such officers as have failed in their duties therein be committed to Newgate as an example to others.

11th May, 1636.

No. 180. Letter from the Mayor and Commonalty of New Sarum to the Lord Mayor, expressing their gratitude for the assistance rendered by the City of London to the poor there when that city was afflicted with the pestilence, and forwarding £52, collected by them for the relief of the poor infected in the City of London.

4th October, 1636.

No. 181. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen upon the decrease and abatement of the Plague, and requiring them to take effectual order that all houses that have been infected this summer, and the goods therein, be aired, cleansed, and purified in the best manner that can be thought of, &c.

9th December, 1636.

No. 183. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor with respect to the money collected for the relief of the poor and visited people in the Cities of London and

Westminster and the suburbs, which had been entrusted to him for distribution in all those places, though out of his jurisdiction—requiring him, having regard to the long continuance of the Plague, which must have very much impoverished the poor, whether infected or not, to extend his care to both sorts.

13th November, 1636.

No. 184. Letter from the King to the Lord Mayor, expressing His Majesty's anxiety at the sudden increase of the Plague during the last week, which he believed had arisen from want of care, especially by the streets being pestered with beggars, rogues, wanderers, and dissolute persons, many of whom probably came from infected places, and with plague sores about them; and forwarding further instructions for the guidance of the Lord Mayor and the Justices of the Peace of Middlesex, Surrey, and Westminster.

29th December, 1636.

No. 187. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor with respect to the money collected for the relief of the poor and visited people in the Cities of London and Westminster, &c. &c. &c. (*A copy of No.* 183.)

13th November, 1636.

No. 207. Letter from the Aldermen and Burgesses of Bury Saint Edmunds to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen and the several Companies of the City, expressing their thanks for their contributions for the relief of the poor afflicted with the Plague there.

23rd April, 1638.

No. 218. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen with respect to the recent spreading of the Plague, and requesting them to revive the execution

of such of the former orders sent in the time of the late infection as they shall find requisite, and especially those for the removal of infected persons to the pest-houses, and to see that the houses from which they are removed, and any houses in which infected persons remain, be shut up and guarded so that none come out or go in, or have speech with them at doors and windows.

31st July, 1639.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

No. 115. Order of the Star Chamber, upon complaint of the inconveniences occasioned by the stoppage of the streets by the carriages of persons frequenting the Playhouse of the *Blackfriars*, "their lordships remembering that there is
 "an easy passage by water unto that playhouse without
 "troubling the streets, and that it is much more fit and
 "reasonable that those which go thither should go by
 "water or else on foot," therefore, order all coaches to leave as soon as they have set down, and not return till the play is over, nor return further than the west end of Saint Paul's Churchyard or Fleet Conduit; and direct that coachmen disobeying this order be committed to Newgate or Ludgate, and that copies of the order be set up at Paul's-chain, the west end of St. Paul's Churchyard, Ludgate, the Blackfriars, and Fleet Conduit.

22nd November, 1633.

POOR AND VAGRANTS.

No. 89. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, transmitting a commission, orders, and directions for the relief of the poor, and for the punishment of vagrants.

31st January, 1630.

No. 120. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor with respect to their former letters for the execution of His Majesty's Book of Orders concerning charitable uses, and for the punishment of wandering rogues and vagrants, and requiring him to be more careful and vigilant in the performance of his duty therein.

15th January, 1633.

No. 185. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor; for a survey to be made of all houses built within the last seven years for the habitation of poor people chargeable to the parish in which such houses are situate, &c. &c. &c. (*See Buildings.*)

8th March, 1639.

No. 205. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, requiring them to proceed more effectually in the execution of the laws for the suppression of vagrants, and to report their proceedings at the end of every term.

16th June, 1638.

No. 212. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen with respect to the great number of wandering poor in the City, among whom are many sturdy rogues and vagabonds, requiring him to take order for the relief of the poor according to the laws, that they may have no pretence to wander and beg, and for the punishment of the rogues and vagabonds.

20th March, 1638.

PROVISIONS.

No. 68. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, requesting them to give directions for the delivery to Sir Allen Apsley, one of the Surveyors-

General for Victualling the Navy, from the stores of each Company, which they were required by former directions of the Council to provide, 2,000 quarters of wheat from the storehouses at the Bridge House, Bridewell, and elsewhere, to be made into biscuit with all expedition, to be repaid by him so soon as he could purchase it; he, in the meantime, leaving such a sum of money in the hands of the Treasurer of the Subsidies as the wheat should be indifferently priced at. And further, that they will permit the said Surveyor to use the granaries, bakehouses, and cellars at the Bridge House and Bridewell, as he may require, for his Majesty's service, between then and Midsummer following.

14th January, 1624.

No. 96. Order in Council, *held at Guildhall*, to take into consideration the sudden increase of the price of corn, especially in the City of London and the counties adjacent, directing certain articles to be observed for preventing future inconveniences upon like occasions.

2nd April, 1631.

No. 97. Order in Council that, during the time of scarcity and dearth, cornchandlers should be absolutely restrained from buying wheat, rye, or barley to sell again, but that they might buy peas and oatmeal to sell again in small quantities to the poor; and also provender for horses, so long as by trial it shall not be found prejudicial.

27th April, 1631.

No. 98. Order in Council to the Lord Mayor to make certificate of the names of all persons of the Companies of London, imprisoned by order of the Court of Aldermen for not making up their usual proportion of 10,000 quarters of corn they were enjoined to do; as also of what course

is taken for making the provision, not only of the 10,000 quarters for the magazine of the City, but of the 30,000 quarters when the season shall be thought fit for provision of the same.

5th December, 1632.

No. 99. Order of the Star Chamber directing the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen to certify what quantities of corn and grain were last year provided and put in magazine by the several Companies, and how far any of them made default; further directing the Lord Mayor, with the assistance of certain Aldermen and others named, to devise means for reforming abuses and for better regulating the Assize of Bread; and requiring the Court to report their proceedings with respect to the Conservancy of the Thames, charitable uses, the binding of apprentices, and the punishment of rogues and vagabonds.

12th October, 1632.

No. 100. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, complaining of the insufficient information given in their certificate under the preceding Orders, with respect to the defaults made by the Companies in making up the 10,000 quarters of corn for the supply of the City, and that no punishment appears to have been inflicted on the defaulters, but rather a readiness to excuse and palliate their offences; and requiring them to proceed to punish them in an exemplary manner, and to certify their proceedings therein to the Board.

31st October, 1632.

No. 101. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, approving of their proceedings in committing to prison defaulters in the

above matter last year, and directing that the provision for the next year should be made from remote countries, and such parts as do not usually send their corn to the City markets; and repeating their former orders for providing 30,000 quarters when the time shall serve conveniently.

31st December, 1632.

No. 102. Order in Council, upon the petition of cornchandlers of the City, that having bought corn in foreign parts for the supply of the City, they could not sell it, but were forced to keep it on their hands to their great loss, authorizing them to buy off all foreign corn, any former orders notwithstanding; and directing that on their giving bond not to buy any wheat, rye, or barley grown in this Kingdom within thirty-five miles of the City, their former bonds shall be cancelled.

29th June, 1631.

No. 111. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, requesting him to take measures for preventing the fishmongers and others of the City from raising to excessive rates the prices of fresh and salt fish in time of Lent, and on Vigils and Fasting Days.

31st January, 1633.

No. 118. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Recorder, with respect to the abuses owing to the excessive number of taverns, and the exactions used in the immoderate price of provisions in ordinaries and hostelries, which have appeared in nothing more than in the excessive price of poultry of all sorts, requiring them to set prices for all small acates* and other

* "Acates" or "Cates,"—from the Fr. *Acheter*—victuals, provisions purchased—in contradistinction to those grown at home; niceties, delicacies. Hence to cater, caterer, &c.

provisions, setting up the same in public tables, and varying the prices from time to time as they shall think fit, and reporting thereon quarterly.

30th December, 1633.

No. 119. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, approving of the orders given by them with respect to the prices of small acates, and requesting them to see the same strictly enforced; and further directing their attention to the excessive prices of butter, candles, and all sorts of fuel, especially charcoal, and the abuses in the measuring; and requiring them, when they have resolved upon a set moderation for prices thereof, to cause a schedule to be printed and published as the former Order was.

17th January, 1633.

No. 121. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, renewing their former directions for causing the like provision of corn to be made for the magazines of the City this year as last; expressing their reproof and censure at their remissness in not having sent an account as required by the Letter of the Council of the 31st December, 1632, concerning the 30,000 quarters of corn to be provided for the better supply of the City, and requiring a report of their proceedings therein by the 6th of the next month.

Last of February, 1633.

No. 133. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, complaining of his remissness in carrying out the former Order of the Council for the rating and appricing of small acates, &c., and requiring him to forward a list of the persons who have offended therein, and to report

his doings by the 1st of the next month; and to state what has been done under their former Order, by Wednesday next.

15th October, 1634.

No. 134. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, with reference to their former directions touching the regulating the prices of small acates, stating that they have forborne to require so strict an account as otherwise they would have done in regard to the intervention of the time of Lent; but now that Lent is past they require that their former directions be exactly performed, and that all offenders be indicted at the next Quarter Sessions, and be proceeded with to the execution of the several pains and penalties by them incurred.

7th April, 1634.

No. 135. Order in Council directing the Lord Mayor, or such as he shall appoint, with a view to the further prevention of abuses concerning the excessive prices of small acates, to call before them all innkeepers, or such as shall be thought fit, and cause them to give bond, with good sureties, not to permit any small acates, butter, &c., to be sold within their houses, or any other places belonging to them, by country people; and also to take bonds of the poulterers not to sell any small acates above the rates limited; and if any refuse to conform, to report them to the Council.

30th May 1634.

No. 171. Letter from the King to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, with respect to his recent proclamation against the unlawful destruction of game, requiring them, as a ready vent is found for the same in every tavern, inn, and alehouse, to cause every taverner, innkeeper, ordinary-

keeper, common cook, and alehouse-keeper, once in every year, to become bound in the sum of £20 not to dress, or suffer to be dressed, or directly or indirectly to buy to sell again, any such game, informing them that he has appointed two Commissioners to see the same put in execution; and requesting them to have an eye to such as, being victuallers, transgress therein, as unfit to be licensed, and to certify the names of any to the Privy Council.

4th September, 1636.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

No. 105. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, requiring a return to be made of the names of all such persons as may stay and reside within the City beyond the time limited by the late Proclamation, requiring all noblemen, gentlemen, and persons of quality to repair to their country houses, there to reside and keep hospitality according to their several degrees.

29th October, 1632.

No. 112. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, requesting contributions towards the expense of repairing the highway at Broughton Bleane, between Canterbury and Faversham, on the main road between Canterbury and London, which is almost impassable.

31st March, 1632.

No. 142. Order of the Star Chamber to the Lord Mayor, the Justices of the Peace of Westminster, Middlesex, and Surrey, to cause diligent enquiry to be made within their several jurisdictions of all noblemen and gentlemen of quality who have come to lodge and inhabit, out of Term times, in the City and suburbs, and also in the City of

Westminster and adjacent places, and particularly in the last vacation, contrary to the proclamation of the 20th June, 1633, and to report their names to the Board.

25th October, 1634.

No. 146. Order in Council with respect to their order of the 15th* October last for a return of the names of all noblemen and gentlemen residing in London and Westminster out of Term times, more particularly in the last vacation, requiring a more strict and particular return to be made, it appearing that the former one was defective, and that connivance had been used in omitting the names of divers persons.

9th January, 1634.

No. 176. Letter from the King to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, requesting them to solicit contributions from the citizens towards the erection of an Academy for the education of the young nobility and gentry in the practice of arms and arts.

3rd June, 1636.

No. 190. Letter from the King to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, complaining that, after nearly a year's delay, his letters requesting contributions for the erection of an Academy have not been answered in effect, and requiring a speedy answer in writing as to what has been done, and what is intended to be done in the matter.

4th May, 1637.

No. 211. Order in Council, directing the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City, and the Justices of the Peace of Middlesex, Surrey, and Westminster, to cause a survey to be forthwith made in their several jurisdictions of the number,

* *Qy.*, a mistake for 25th. See *No.* 142.

names, qualities, and conditions of all strangers inhabiting, lodging, or remaining therein.

10th March, 1638.

No. 230. Letter from Sir H. Vane,* addressed "To my very good Lords," intimating that His Majesty had taken notice of a rumour spread by some factious spirits ill affected to the good of his affairs, that, upon receipt of the Londoners' petition, he should publicly have spoken reproachful words against them, and had commanded him to acquaint them how untrue it was; and that, could the authors be found out, he would make them public examples.

15th May, 1640.

No. 231. Letter signed "Thomas Duresme," (Bishop of Durham) to the Lords' Committee for London, giving an account of the ravages committed by the Scots in the countries of the Bishoprick, Northumberland, and the Town of (New) Castle.

Sans date.

No. 232. Letter from the King to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of London, thanking them for their willing compliance with the present great and urgent occasions of his service. Dated from York.

8th October, 1640.

RIOTS, TUMULTS, &c.

No. 45. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, requiring him to have strong and sufficient watches, and some of the Trained Bands, to the number of 800, in readi-

* Ambassador to Holland, Denmark, and Sweden, Treasurer of the Household, appointed Principal Secretary of State and Lord Treasurer, 1641.

ness for the prevention of riots and tumults by apprentices, &c., on Shrove Tuesday.

23rd February, 1622.

No. 60. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor.
(Copy of the above letter.)

Sans date.

No. 214. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor with respect to disorders committed on May-day by Apprentices and others, and requiring that, besides the keeping of strong and fit watches, 800 of the Trained Bands be mustered on May-day next for the prevention of riots and tumults.

24th April, 1639.

No. 225. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, requiring for the prevention of riots and tumults by apprentices and others on Shrove Tuesday, that strong watches be set, and that 800 men of the Trained Bands be kept in readiness.

16th February (year illegible).

No. 227. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor upon occasion of the late tumultuous assembly in and about Lambeth, requiring double watches to be kept in the City, to continue till five o'clock in the morning, and that every householder be answerable for the peaceable and quiet behaviour of his apprentices and servants; and that a good and sufficient watch of twenty or thirty men be kept every night until further order at the bridge foot, to intercept vagrants, and to prevent any concourse of people passing in or out of the City.

12th May, 1640.

No. 229. Warrant from the King to the Lord Mayor, requiring him forthwith to raise 1,000 able and well-affected men

of the Trained Bands, or as many more as he shall think necessary to suppress, slay, kill, destroy, and apprehend all such as shall be tumultuously assembled in or about Southwark, Lambeth, Blackheath, or elsewhere in parts adjacent.

15th May, 1640.

SHERIFFS.

No. 3. Letter from the King (James I.) to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, referring to a former letter that Sir Thomas Napier, Knt. and Bart., might be spared from being chosen as Sheriff, because he had served the office in another county; and that, being a Baronet, he should be exempted, because he could not serve without prejudice to the ancient order of precedence between those that have been Mayor; stating that, notwithstanding the King's former letter, he had been chosen Sheriff; and requiring that the bond taken by the Court be delivered up to him, "for we will have no such precedent."

1st October, 1615.

No. 186. Letter from the King (Charles I.) to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, requesting them to excuse Thomas Plummer, who had been elected Sheriff, from serving, and to deliver up to him to be cancelled his bond for £400 to take upon him that office, "considering his infirmity in "his hearing, and for some other respects best known to "ourselves, we hold him no way fit to undertake that charge, "especially in these times of action."

17th January, 1636.

No. 195. Order of the Star Chamber upon the petition of the Mayor, Sheriffs, Citizens, and Commonalty of the City of Norwich, praying that Thomas Atkins,* a citizen of

* See Note, page 106.

London resident in Norwich, who was also an Alderman of that City, of which he had been Sheriff, and who was next in rotation for the Mayoralty, might be remitted from serving the office of Sheriff of London, to which he had been nominated by the Lord Mayor, reciting that it had been alleged by the City's Counsel that such course of election of Sheriffs, being Freemen of London, where-soever resident (being one of the privileges belonging to the City), had been used and enjoyed time out of mind without interruption, and that examples had been alleged in support thereof, and declaring that the City of London hath, by ancient prescription, charters and confirmations of His Majesty's Royal progenitors, and by Act of Parliament, lawful and undoubted right of election of Sheriffs in manner as aforesaid, and ought to enjoy the same, and directing that the election of the said Thomas Atkins shall stand, and that he do serve the office accordingly.

23rd June, 1637.

No. 196. Letter from the King to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, requiring them to discharge from serving the office of Sheriff without fine Sir William Calley, Knt., a person above seventy-two years of age, who left the City above thirty years since, and who, in respect of his age, had obtained leave to resign an office of much easier execution in the King's service.

10th July, 1637.

SHIP MONEY.

No. 140. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of London, Lords of the Manor of the Borough of Southwark, forwarding a writ of his Majesty, in which, being no less than for

the honour and safety both of the King and kingdom, and the securing and clearing of commerce, his Majesty doth require their utmost diligence, and directing them to appoint a place of meeting with the others nominated in the same writ, and go on with the work according to the tenor thereof; and that in the assessment they take care to proceed equally and indifferently.

31st October, 1634.

Note.—The writ is not entered, but the marginal note is as follows: “Letter from the Lords for executing his Majesty’s writ for providing a ship within Southwark.”

No. 141. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, Commonalty, Citizens, and Sheriffs of the City of London, in similar terms to the preceding Letter.

31st October, 1634.

Marginal note.—“Letter from the Lords for execution of his Majesty’s writ for providing of ships within London.”

No. 194. Order in Council, upon complaint of the Lord Mayor that the inhabitants of the Liberty of St. Martin-le-Grand delay to pay their assessment for Ship Money to the City as they have formerly done, pretending they are a Liberty apart from the said City, directing that the said inhabitants shall pay not only the £100 set upon them this year by the City, but shall also hereafter pay all other assessments rated by the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs for shipping to the said City and not elsewhere; and authorizing the Sheriffs, in case of their refusal, to enter the Liberty, and there to assess and levy what they shall be rated to pay towards the business of shipping.

3rd September, 1637.

No. 201. Warrant from the Star Chamber "To —, one of the messengers of his Majesty's Chan . . ." directing him to repair to the several places of abode of the persons who have not paid their assessment in respect of Ship Money for three years past, or wherever he may find them; and to demand the money which is to be paid over to the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs; and to take into custody and bring before the Board to answer their contempt any who, having been warned to appear, have neither paid nor entered an appearance, and to warn those who refuse to pay, and were not formerly warned, to attend the Board without delay and enter their appearance.

17th November, 1637.

No. 209. Order in Council, directing the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, and their officers, to observe the several directions given to the Sheriffs of counties for enforcing the payment of Ship Money.

8th June, 1638.

STREETS, WALLS, AND DITCHES.

No. 139. Letter from the King to the Lord Mayor, recommending to their notice a proposition of one Daniel Nis, for the beautifying and better accommodation of the streets of the City by raising them to a convenient height, evenness, and decency, leaving ample passage for coaches, carts, and horses, and reserving a competent part to be made even and easy in a far more elegant and commodious manner for the convenience of foot passengers, besides a handsome accommodation of water for the continual cleansing of the streets by lead pipes.

24th July, 1634.

No. 151. Order of the Star Chamber with respect to Moor ditch, reciting a Report from the Lord Mayor, the Commissioners of Sewers, and Inigo Jones, Esq.,* his Majesty's Surveyor-General of Works, recommending a remedy for the annoyances occasioned by the foul condition of the ditch by the building of a large vaulted sewer, and the filling up of the ditch with earth; and directing the same to be put in execution, and that no buildings be at any time suffered to be erected thereon.

6th February, 1634.

No. 158. Order of the Star Chamber (copy of *No.* 151, above).

SUGAR, REFINERS OF.

No. 113. Order in Council, upon the complaint of certain freemen of the City, merchants and refiners of sugar, that John Gibbs, John Therry, and James Therry, sons of strangers, had set up a refining house without Bishopsgate, contrary to the Order of Council of the 12th April last, prohibiting all strangers and sons of strangers from carrying on the trade of refiners of sugar, and that with a view to elude the Order they had brought from abroad a younger brother, named Stephen, whom they pretended was born after their father was made a freeman, and had got him made free of the Weavers' Company; requiring the Lord Mayor to prevent the said Stephen being admitted to the freedom of the City, and to enjoin the others not to attempt the erecting of any sugar house, or to carry on the trade of sugar refiners.

21st June, 1633.

* The famous architect, appointed one of the Commissioners for the Repairing of St. Paul's Cathedral, November 16th, 1620. Began the reparation of the Cathedral, 1633.

TEMPLE BAR.

No. 175. Order in Council, directing certain Aldermen, the Recorder, and Inigo Jones, Esq., his Majesty's Surveyor-General, to confer touching a convenient gate to be built at Temple Bar, and report to the Council thereon.

27th April, 1636.

THAMES.

No. 8. Letter from the Lord Chancellor (Lord Verulam) to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, with respect to the delay in raising money in the City for the repair of Staines Bridge and Egham Causey, according to the King's Letters Patent, and for a return of the names of such as shall make default of their speedy payment.

28th June, 1619.

No. 9. Letter from the Lord Chancellor to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen on the above matter.

2nd February, 1618.

No. 34. Letter from William Beauchamp to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen with respect to the injury done to his house and garden wall in Blackfriars, by reason of divers wharves not many years past erected on Bridewell side, and of the daily access of barges and other great vessels thereto.

30th May, 1620.

No. 50. Letter from the Earl of Nottingham, Lord Lieutenant of the county of—(qy. Middlesex) to the Lord Mayor, requesting him to cause two mills, built by Sir Thomas

Lake, near Sunbury, on the River Thames, to be suppressed, because they prevent many poor men from getting a living by the river.

9th April, 1623.

No. 51. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, as Conservator of the river, requiring him to take speedy measures for the clearing and well keeping of the same, and for the repairing and maintaining of the bridge (probably London Bridge).

30th May, 1623.

No. 53. Letter from William Harbert* to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, requesting them to give directions for the necessary repair of the City wall next Bridewell, which runs along his house and garden in Blackfriars, and which is marvellously broken down and decayed through the daily resort of barges into that dock.

15th July, 1624.

No. 104. Letter from the King to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, on having renewed the patent granted to John Gilbert for the use of certain engines for the removal of shelves in the River Thames, the gravel from which was by Act of Parliament to be disposed of for ballasting ships; and requiring them, as he cannot proceed with effect unless the gravel be taken off his hands, to give directions for the employment of the said Gilbert and James Freeze, his fellow-patentee, and to report by what means the sand or gravel may be disposed of.

30th August, 1632.

* The third Earl of Pembroke, K.G., appointed Governor of Portsmouth, 1610. Lord Chamberlain, 1618. He died at his house in London, April 10, 1630.

No. 172. Letter from the King to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, with respect to the cleansing of the River Thames, and keeping it free from shelves, &c., informing them that he has thought fit to revive the statute of Henry VIII., prohibiting the using of land ballast, and requiring all ships in the Thames to use river ballast only; and has appointed Thomas Smith, Esq., Receiver-General of the Duchy of Cornwall, and others, to undertake the service, and requiring them to conclude with him for the allowance by them of two-pence per ton for all gravel, &c., taken from the river, with such further allowances for wharves and lighters as formerly they have agreed for.

19th January, 1635.

TITHES.

[See ECCLESIASTICAL AND THEOLOGICAL.]

TRAINED BANDS.

No. 29. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, requiring a general muster and inspection of all the City Trained Bands in *Finsbury Field*; that the said Bands be made complete and all deficiencies supplied, and a perfect certificate sent to the Council.

21st February, 1620.

No. 94. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor, referring to former directions for the exercising of the Trained Bands, and requiring them to be exercised as often as convenient upon holidays or otherwise when commonly they spend their time in drinking and unlawful exercises; and to see that every man performs his service

in person, and with his own arms, which should be complete and serviceable, according to the modern fashion; and to certify the same before the last of October.

30th April, 1632.

No. 152. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor,—upon information from abroad of the great preparations both by sea and land of the neighbouring Princes and States,—requiring an exact view and muster to be taken of the arms and trained forces of the City, and that their arms are complete, and all the soldiers and officers are able to perform their duties; that they be well affected in religion and take the oath of allegiance; that the Trained Bands be ready to assemble at an hour's warning; that all able men untrained between sixteen and sixty be inrolled; that the Lord Mayor do endeavour to increase the Trained Bands, and see them completely furnished and exercised, and require the best sort of men to provide themselves with arms for their own use; that as many of the untrained men as possible may be furnished and exercised, and reduced into bands; that the arms of recusants which have been sequestrated be repaired and kept fit for use at the cost of the owners; and that no recusants be exempt from showing at every muster the arms chargeable upon them, but that the persons to wear their arms be chosen by his Deputy Lieutenant at the charge of the said recusants; and that after every muster the arms be delivered back and kept in sequestration as before; that the several proportions of ammunition be put in magazine for use on all occasions; that a Provost Marshal be appointed for the apprehending and punishment of vagabonds and idle persons not in any lawful vocation; and that an exact account of the state of the forces be sent to the Council by the 10th June next.

30th April, 1635.

No. 162. Letter from the Lords of the Council, &c. (copy of *No.* 152, above).

20th April, 1635.

No. 210. Letter from the King to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen upon the petition of Captain John Fisher, complaining that, notwithstanding the King's grant to him under the Great Seal of the office of Muster Master of the City, no allowance had been settled upon him by them; and requiring them to order him the same allowance as other Muster Masters in counties—viz., 12*d.* for every foot, and 2*s.* for every horse, commencing from the date of his grant, and to pay the arrears due to him.

20th October, 1638.

No. 213. Further Order in Council with respect to the payment of Captain John Fisher, Muster Master of the City, directing the Lord Mayor and Aldermen without further delay to provide that he be paid for the time he has held office—viz., two years past, at the rate of 6*d.* per poll per annum for every soldier in the Trained Bands, that being the rate allowed to the Muster Master of the county of Kent; and to see that the Captains of the several companies of Trained Bands collect the money of every soldier, and pay the same yearly to the said Muster Master.

26th August, 1639.

No. 220. Warrant from the King for levying 3,000 men from the Trained Bands to serve against the Scots; with provisions for the allowing of deputies at the expense of those impressed for such service.

18th February, 1638.

No. 221. Order of the Inner Star Chamber for the reformation of defects and abuses in the Trained Bands, requiring the

Lord Mayor to set some mark upon the arms of each company, or take some other means to prevent the abuses occasioned by the borrowing of arms one of another; and to see that such householders as are fit to serve with their own arms be required to do it, and that such as are thought fit to be dispensed with find substitutes; and to confer with Captain Fisher, Muster Master of the City thereon, and give him all assistance and encouragement in the execution of his office.

13th February, 1638.

No. 222. Letter from the King to the Lord Mayor, concerning the continued négléct of his commands for payment of Captain John Fisher, Muster Master of the City, requiring conformity to the former orders, and intimating that further delay will be interpreted as a contempt of the Royal authority, and some coercive means will be used.

1st November, 1639.

VINTNERS, VICTUALLERS, AND TAVERNERS.

No. 33. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen with respect to a complaint made by merchants of the City dealing in French wines, that the vintners buy of the Frenchmen and other strangers rather than of the said merchants, to their continual loss and hindrance; and requiring the Court to have the parties before them, and ascertain and certify to the Council the price at which the vintners usually buy of the merchant, and the price at which they retail.

24th April, 1616.

No. 82. Order in Council (upon the complaint of the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen that John Price, citizen and vintner, would, contrary to their order, set up a tavern in

an unfit and dangerous place, adjoining a warehouse in which flax and other combustibles were stored) directing that, forasmuch as the fitness and unfitness of places for setting up of taverns is a point belonging to matter of government, and doth therefore properly appertain to the said Court, the contrary whereof cannot be understood or intended, either by the Statute or the Patent granted to the Vintners' Company by King James, the said Price should submit himself to the order and determination of the Court, and not proceed nor use his trade without their licence, but remove himself and his goods within time as they shall appoint.

18th November, 1629.

No. 83. Further Order in Council, upon complaint of the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, that the said Price had refused to conform to the above order, instructing the Lord Mayor to give speedy directions for shutting the doors of the tavern, and taking down the *bush* there set up, and ordering a warrant to be issued for the committal of Price to prison for contempt.

9th December, 1629.

No. 84. Further Order in Council, upon information that the said Price, in contempt of the former orders, still continued to keep open the tavern and sell wine, and had taken in a great store of wine, intending to continue the sale, directing the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs to shut the doors of the tavern, and take down the *sign* or *bush* before the same (if any there be), and to require the said Price, his wife, and servants not to sell any wine by retail there, and, if they refuse, to commit the said servants or any other persons to prison till further order.

19th February, 1629.

No. 107. Order in Council with respect to three newly-erected taverns in the City, of which complaint had been made by the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, intimating that they, to whose care and charge it belongeth, must judge of the convenience and inconvenience of any new taverns, and accordingly either permit or make stay thereof; and requiring a return of the number of taverns erected since the former Order of Council of the 10th July, 1612; how many of them are in inconvenient places; how many are in one man's hands; whether more than one man are interested by partnership in the keeping of one or more taverns; how many taverners use victualling, and how long they have done so.

17th July, 1633.

No. 108. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Lord Mayor for a return of moneys received as penalties for the sale of drink by deceitful measures, and of unlicensed victuallers, and how the same has been disposed of.

15th November, 1632.

No. 109. Order of the Star Chamber with respect to certain pipes of falsified French wines brought into the port of London by Paul Barnabie, directing the Lord Mayor to cause five or six vintners to rack and draw off into another vessel one of the said pipes, and to certify what drugs or ingredients they find in the said wine or cask, to sophisticate the same, from what places the said wines came, and where they are usually vented.

23rd August, 1633.

No. 116. Order of the Star Chamber for the suppression of all taverns having signs and stairs to the water, "having regard
" that loose persons, bankrupts, and such as are otherwise
" obnoxious, may privately resort thither, and likewise

“ shift away, and withdraw themselves from the justice of
“ the realm.”

6th November, 1633.

No. 130. Order of the Star Chamber. (Copy of the foregoing.)

6th November, 1633.

No. 161. Order in Council concerning certain sophisticated and falsified French wines imported by one Peter Vaup Payne, a merchant stranger, directing the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen to cause the said wines to be put into safe custody, and cause trial to be made and proceedings to be had concerning the same, according to the usual course and custom of the City.

3rd June, 1625.

No. 169. Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Clerk of the Peace or Town Clerk of the City of London, for a list of alehouse keepers and tipplers licensed in the City, distinguishing the places and parishes where they dwell, their Christian and surnames, and their sureties, and the number of all the recognizances entered into by any alehouse keeper.

31st December, 1635.

No. 171. Letter from the King to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen with respect to his recent Proclamation against the unlawful destruction of game, &c.

4th April, 1636.

(*See Provisions.*)

No. 188. Order in Council—upon the petition of John Sperwent, merchant, and Garrett Day, prisoners in the Fleet, desiring that their petition touching their wines might be referred to some Aldermen and others of the City—directing that the petitioners shall perform the former order of

the Board thereon within ten days, and, in default, authorizing the Lord Mayor to beat off the heads of the casks and let the wine out ; and stating that, upon the petitioners paying the costs the merchants have been put to in the matter, the Board will give directions for their release.

22nd March, 1636.

No. 189. Order in Council concerning twenty-six pipes of wine found to be sophisticated, directing the Recorder to take good security from the owners or consignees thereof, forthwith to transport the said wines beyond seas, and not re-import the same ; and to give satisfaction to the merchants for their charges in prosecuting the suit, and, in case of default, the Board will give such further directions therein as shall be thought fit.

6th April, 1636.

WATER.

No. 24. Letter from Sir Francis Bacon to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen for a lead pipe from the main pipe that serveth the City, for the supply of water to York House.

25th July, 1617.

No. 27. Letter from Sir H. Mountague to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen in support of Lady Darby's request for a Quill of water for her house.

14th May, 1618.

No. 52. Letter from Henry Gibb to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, that he may have the same favour that his predecessor, Mr. Secretary Calvert (whose house he has the lease of), had—viz., the benefit of the water.

1st October, 1624.

No. 75. Letter from Sir Thomas Lake to the Lord Mayor, that the Quill of water which had been granted to him from the City's pipe lying before his door, but which, in the time of his trouble, had been cut off, might be restored to him.

30th March, 1625.

No. 103. Order in Council, authorising the City's Officers to search the courses of the Main Pipes for the supply of Water to the Conduits, as they are entitled to do by the Act 35 Henry VIII. cap. 10, and to remedy all defects or abuses occasioned by the erection of buildings, &c., over the same; to cut off all unauthorised branches, and to cause the Mains to be diverted, where necessary, at the expense of the owners of the buildings erected over them.

2nd March, 1631.

No. 128. Order of the Star Chamber respecting the conveyance of the waste water from the Round Head in Oxelees, near Paddington.

2nd May, 1634.

No. 192. Letter signed H. Vaine (Sir Henry Vane) to the Lord Mayor for a Quill of water for his house at Whitehall.

9th May, 1637.

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