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 On elections, religion, and supply.
 Printed in Cobbett's Parliamentary
 History, vi, 1149.
 p.1-12.

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- ☰ vol. 1 [Commission to Sir John Digby to be an ambassador to Spain, 1617 April 16] [n.d.]
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 Commission to John Digby, 1st earl of
 Bristol (1580-1653) to negotiate for
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- ☰ vol. 1 "The heads of the charges against Earl of Oxford" c. Apr 1622 [n.d.]
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- ☰ vol. 1 "At the Court in Whitehall, 15 Jan 1620" [n.d.]
 2 p.
 MS copy.
 Appointment of a commission to
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- ☰ vol. 1 [Speech in the House of Commons urging that subsidies be given for the
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 6 p.
 MS copy. Rushworth, vi, 131.
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 speech to 1623; see DNB).
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WIMBLEDON, SIR EDWARD CECIL, 1ST VISCOUNT, 1572-1638 (continued)

- ☰ vol. 1 [Speech in the House of Commons, 5 Feb 1620/1] [n.d.]
6 p.
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PERROT, SIR JAMES, 1517-1637

- ☰ vol. 1 "A true copie of the motion made in the Commons house of Parliament the 14th of June 1621. By Sir James Perrot, Knt..." [n.d.]
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LJ, III, 242.
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- ☰ vol. 1 [The reasons of the House of Commons for breaking off the Spanish treaties, [n.d.] with additional reasons added by the House of Lords, 1623/4 Mar 5]
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- ☰ vol. 1 [Speech to Parliament on the war to recover the Palatinate, 1623/4 Mar 14] [n.d.]
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-  vol. 1 [Speech to Parliament, 1623/4 March 1 or 17] [n.d.]
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On the Spanish marriage, Spain and the Palatinate. Dated both 15 and 17 March.
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-  vol. 1 [A summary of the King's letter to Parliament affirming his willingness to break off the Spanish treaties, 1623/4 Mar 17] [n.d.]
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-  vol. 1 "Articles to be seen into speedily" [c.1623/4 March] [n.d.]
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MS copy.
Articles concern the defenses of the Kingdom, the armed forces, and steps to be taken against Catholics.
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-  vol. 1 [The speech at the presentation of the subsidies, 1623/4 Mar 23] [n.d.]
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-  vol. 1 [Answer to Parliament's petition on breaking off the Spanish treaties, 1623/4 March 23] [n.d.]
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-  vol. 1 [Speech of the Speaker at the prorogation of Parliament, 1624 May 28] [n.d.]
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- ☰ vol. 1 "A Brief of the Articles of the League between the Kings of France, England, the Commonwealth of Venice, and the Duke of Savoy" [1624] [n.d.]
2 p.
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Defensive and offensive league against the Spanish.
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- ☰ vol. 1 [The Earl of Northumberland's discourse on the proceedings between himself and Sir Francis Vere, 1602 April 23] [n.d.]
6 p.
MS copy.
Northumberland's account of his differences with Sir Francis Vere (1560-1609) and his attempt to settle them by a duel. The duel was prevented by Vere's refusal and the Queen's order.
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- ☰ vol. 1 "Queen Anne Bollens letter to King Henry the 8th found among Cromwell's Papers [1536] May 6" [n.d.]
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- ☰ vol. 1 [Message to the House of Commons on unruly members, 1571 May 27] [n.d.]
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- ☰ vol. 1 [Proclamations, 1610 March 25] [n.d.]
3 p.
MS copy.
A proclamation for the calling in of "The Interpretor" by Dr. John Cowell (1554-1611), due to its harmful effects towards both the King and Parliament.
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- ☰ vol. 1 [Letter to "one about the King", London, 1648 August] [n.d.]
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MS copy.
Newsletter on events in London,
Parliament, and the Army. The letter
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- ☰ vol. 1 [The King's reasons for declining the jurisdiction of the High Court of Justice, 1648/9 Jan 21] [n.d.]
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- ☰ vol. 1 [Queries concerning the oath by the 6th canon (the etcetera oath), ca. 1640] [n.d.]
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Questions the legality and meaning of
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- ☰ vol. 1 [Legal writings concerning imprisonment without causes shown, ca. late 16th century] [n.d.]
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- ☰ vol. 1 "Declaration against the Blasphemous opinions in Mr. Archer's book, by the Assembly of Divines and by the authority of parliament" [1645 July 17] [n.d.]
4 p.
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Preacher of All Hallows, Lombard St.,
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-  vol. 1 "Protestation of the Doctors of Oxford, 1641/2 Feb 18" [n.d.]
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-  vol. 1 [Protestation to the States General of the Low Countries on her Majesty's departure from Scheveling, 1643 Feb 25] [n.d.]
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-  vol. 1 [Proposals sent by the general and Council of the Army to the commissioners of Parliament, 1647 Aug 1]
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-  vol. 1 [Grant to Murrough O'Brien Inchiquin, 1st earl and 6th baron of Munster, Ireland (1614-1674), and instructions to the Lord President, 1644/5 Jan 14] [n.d.]
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-  vol. 1 "The Kings manifest touching the Palatine Cause" [1641] [n.d.]
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-  vol. 1 [Propositions of the Queen of Sweden's commissioners to the Parliament of England, and the answers of Parliament, 1645 Mar 31] [n.d.]
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-  vol. 1 [Letter to the English Parliament, 1645/6 Jan 24] [n.d.]
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- ☰ vol. 1 "An Act for erecting a High Court of Justice for trying and judging of James Earl of Cambridge, Henry Earl of Holland, George Lord Goring, Arthur Lord Capel, and Sir John Owen." [1648/9 Feb 3] [n.d.]
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The prisoners are accused of levying civil war against Parliament. James Hamilton, 2nd earl of Cambridge (1608-1649); Henry Rich, 1st earl of Holland (1590-1649); George Goring, baron (1608-1657); Arthur Capel, baron (1610?-1649); Sir John Owen (1600-1666).
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- ☰ vol. 1 [Order to the Sheriff of Middlesex to carry out the sentence against James Earl of Cambridge, 1648/9 Mar 6] [n.d.]
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- ☰ vol. 1 [Proposition sent to the King for securing his Majesty's estate for the bridling of Parliament, and for the increase of revenue] [n.d.]
- 12 p.
MS copy.
Proposals to fortify the Kingdom, limit the power of Parliament, impose yearly taxes, etc. Published in 1646 with title, Straffords Plot Discovered. This treatise was written by Sir Robert Dudley (1574-1649) in 1614, and in 1630 was used as evidence in a Star Chamber suit against Sir Robert Cotton (see p.463-470).
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- ☰ vol. 1 [Statement of his case against St. Germain, 1675 Oct] [n.d.]
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The case of M. de Luzancy, a French
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- ☰ vol. 1 [Letter to Charles Howard, 1st earl of Carlisle (1629-1685), 1675 Feb 3] [n.d.]
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- ☰ vol. 1 "Retrenchment of the King's expences" [c. later 17th century] [n.d.]
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- ☰ vol. 1 [Petition to the King against granting toleration to Roman Catholics, c.1624] [n.d.]
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MS copy. The petition is dated 1663 and attributed to Gilbert Sheldon, Abp. of Canterbury (1598-1677), but in Rushworth, I, 85, the petition is attributed to Abbot. The DNB article on Abbot mentions this petition and claims it was a forgery. p.478.

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SHAFTESBURY, ANTHONY ASHLEY COOPER, 1ST EARL OF, 1621-1683

- ☰ vol. 1 "A Speech lately made by a noble Peere of the Realme in Parliament 1681" [n.d.]
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- ☰ vol. 1 "His Majesties gracious declaration to all his Loving Subjects for Liberty of conscience" [1687 April 4] [n.d.]
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-  vol. 1 [Speech and petition to the King. 1680/1 Jan 25] [n.d.]
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-  vol. 1 "A letter writ by Mijn Heer Fagel, pensioner of Holland, to Mr. James Stewart, [n.d.] Advocate, giving an account of the Prince and Princess of Orange's thoughts concerning the repeal of the Test, and the Penal Laws" 1687 Nov 4
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- ☰ vol. 1 [Letter to Father Francois d'Aix La Chaise (1627-1709)] c.1688 [n.d.]
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- ☰ vol. 1 "Judicium Astrologicum pro Anno 1688" [1687] [n.d.]
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James, King of England, I, 1566-1625

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