Catholicis facta est mentio. In pace etiam quæ nuper Bolonia in Gallijs tractata est, nulla aut mentio aut ratio Catholicorum est habita; ita ut ex hereticis quidam uir Senatorius solebat dicere plus debere Pontificem Romanum et Catholicos comiti Tironio Hiberno quam Regi Hispaniæ; ipse enim primo loco posuit conditiones pro Religione stabilienda, neque alitèr se ullo modo uelle conuenire professus. Rex autem Hispaniæ nihil minus quàm de Religione cogitauit in illis suis cum hereticis congressibus.

6° Quod autem in Collegijs et seminarijs alendis et fouendis confert beneficij, si propter Deum hoc fit et pietatis et religionis 54. f. 117b.
intuitu, accipiet mercedem, et nullo modo se patietur à tàm sancto opere diuerti; sin horum qui aluntur opera et apud suos gratia et fide ad Regni illius principatum uiam munire parat, spes hæc ubi euanuerit etiam charitas illa excidet. Hanc Regis Catholici intentionem de regno Angliæ uel sibi uel suis hac largitate in seminarios acquirendo suspectam etiam reddunt subscriptiones quas ab alumnis P. Personius exegit in hunc finem, et liber ille successionis ab illo diuulgatus.[a]

9. *Exempla quædam S. S^{ti} notissima quibus moueatur Jesuitis interdicere rerum politicarum curam eosque ex aulis et castris Principum euocare.*

Jesuitæ quidam Sebastianum Lusitaniæ Regem præcipitem in expeditionem illam Barbaricam egerunt ubi miserè perijt.

[a] The motive of Philip II. in supporting the English colleges within his dominions at Douai, St. Omer, Valladolid, etc., forms the main subject of an important letter of Cardinal d'Ossat to Henri IV. dated Nov. 25, 1601. The cardinal maintains, but with too little discrimination, that the principal care of these establishments is to educate the pupils in the firm belief that the throne of England belonged by right of succession to Philip II. or his children; and he continues: "Et après que les jeunes gentilhommes Anglois ont ainsi fait le cours de leurs études, ceux qui sont reconnus pour mieux espagnolisez, & pour les plus courageux & plus fermes au *Credo Espagnol*, sont envoyez en Angleterre, pour y semer cette foi, & y gagner ceux qui n'ont bougé du pais, & pour épier & donner avis aux Espagnols de ce qui se fait dans l'Angleterre & de ce qui leur semble se pouvoir & devoir faire pour la faire tomber en la puissance d'Espagne; & pour, si besoin est, subir martyre

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P. Odo Piginettus [a] [Pigenat] et Cumblottus [Commolet ?] res unionis in Gallijs administrarunt, sed quam infelicitèr, exitus loquitur.

P. Carillius Transyluaniæ Principem eiusque negotia direxit missus ab eo in Hispaniam et Romam Nuncius, sed euanuerunt eorum consilia uniuersa.

P. Archerus, missus à Comite Tironio cum P. Personio, Romæ iussus est conferre symbolum, remissus est unà cum P. Mansonio
54, f. 118. Nuncio, sed quo successu iudicet qui, etc.

P. Critonius contra Regem suum priuata auctoritate egit in Hispania, mittit ad Catholicos Comites ut nomina sua cartæ uacuæ apponant, ab ipso in Hispanijs implendæ pro ratione temporum et negociorum; mittuntur nomina; capitur nuncius; Comites læsæ maiestatis rei efficiuntur. Hos tamen nobiles postea idem Critonius mutata mente tanquam proditionis reos pro ijsdem quas exegerat subscriptionibus exagitat.[b]

P. Gordonius a sua Sanc^{te} pecunias Regis Scotiæ nomine petijt, concessit pius Pontifex, redit bonus pater cum pecunijs recta ad

aussi bien ou mieux pour la dite Foi Espagnole, que pour la Religion Catholique." If this could be the deliberate belief of a churchman and statesman of d'Ossat's character and sagacity, is it surprising that Elizabeth and her counsellors held the same belief and acted upon it?

[a] Odo Pigenat, provincial of the Jesuits and member of the Council of the "Sixteen" who held their meetings commonly in the Jesuit college at Paris. Father Commolet was another prominent supporter of the League. For the opinions of the Appellants on these affairs, see the Preface "To all English Catholicks that are faithfull subjects to Queene Elizabeth our most dread Soueraigne" prefixed by "The Secular Priests" to their translation of the *Jesuits Catechism*, 1602.

[b] See "The Spanish Blanks and Catholic Earls 1592–4" in the *Scottish Review*, July 1893. Father Creighton's apparent change of front was the subject of Cecil's rare tract "A Discoverye of the errors committed and injuryes don to his MA. off Scotlande and Nobilitye off the same realm and John Cecyll pryest and D. of diuinitye by a malitious Mythologie titled an Apologie and compiled by William Criton Pryest and professed Jesuite, whose habit and behavioure whose cote and conditions are as sutable, as Esau his handes, and Jacob his voice," dated Montmartre, Aug. 10, 1599.

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Comitem Huntleum nepotem suum, mentitus Pontifici de Regis desiderio.[a] Vnde Catholicorum mira exorta est persequutio.

P. Personius libros scripsit de successione; in expeditione Ann. 88. 96. et 97. et 1601. multa fecit, scripsit, et plurimum elaborauit; in Gallijs tempore unionis, author, impulsor, et consultor fuit; ad Comitem Darbiensem misit ut de Regno capessendo cum illo ageret, sed frustra omnia.

P. Holtus misit in Angliam Holsettum [? Hesketh] ad animum Comitis Darbiensis in eo ipso Regni negotio explorandum, sed capite plectitur nuncius, et post paucos dies comes ueneno perijt.[b]

P. Cresuellus et Tancredus[c] in expeditionibus illis anni 96. 97 et 1601 multa et magno cum zelo prouenerunt et perfecerunt; Sacerdotes et Jesuitas itineris comites miserunt, sed quam prosperè quantoque ecclesiæ bono malim tacitè apud me cogitare quàm scriptis committere.

P. Antonius Crispus etiam in Belgijs multa in se suscepit, **54**, f. 118b. multa molitus est, sed exitu infelicissimo, ut omnia solent in hoc genere Jesuitæ, iusto Dei judicio quod ea, quæ ad professionem et uocationem suam nullo modo spectent, tam abundè amplexarentur.

[a] This is a common mistake. Father Gordon made no false pretences to the pope. His receipt to the papal treasury, signed by him Aug. 9, 1594, is printed in Bellesheim's *History of the Cath. Ch. in Scotland* (Hunter Blair's transl., iii. p. 449) and bears plainly on the face of it that the money was paid by Mgr. Gio. Sapiretti, the deputy paymaster of the Camera Apostolica in Scotland to the Earls of Huntly, Angus, and Errol to enlist soldiers in defence of good Catholic Scots against the heretics.

[b] On the death of the fourth Earl of Derby, in 1592, Richard Hesketh, a Catholic gentleman, was commissioned by Sir William Stanley and Father Holt to negotiate with the Earl's son and successor Lord Strange regarding the succession to the crown. Lord Derby delivered Hesketh to the Council and he was executed for high treason, Nov. 29, 1593. Gillow, *Bibl. Dict.*

[c] Joseph Cresswell, sometime rector of the English College at Rome and subsequently superior of the English missionaries in Spain, died 1623. Charles Tancred was in 1592 minister at the Seminary of Seville. He died at Valladolid, July 1599 (Oliver).

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Vincentius Zelander, Coadiutor seu laicus Jesuitarum frater, quàm infeliciter res Belgicas tractaverit quantumque se immiscuerit V. S. cuius est vsus et abusus auctoritate optimè nouit.

P. Cecilia[nus] [a] in Hispania quam serio ad exercitum et expeditionem illam Anglicam Anni 1596. promouendam laborauerit cum collega suo Personio, et quam infaustè non dicam, in fide exitus ipse loquitur.

Ducem etiam de Grates ad quantas reduxerunt angustias Jesuitæ, qui rebus politicis non solum in senatu suo interesse sed præesse uoluerunt, testis est clades et defectio miseranda quibus ditiones eius affliguntur.

P. Richardus Warpolus misit in Angliam Squierum ad reginam veneno aggrediendam, quò nihil Catholicis et sacerdotibus aut iniquius aut iniuriosius excogitari potuit.

10. *Memorial, setting forth on the part of the Jesuits the injustice and inconvenience of the conditions under which it was proposed that Queen Elizabeth should grant liberty of conscience to Catholics.*[b]

54, f. 119. Però la uerità è che uedendo hora la Reina col suo molto dispiacere et dispetto, che i Catholici in processo di 40 anni di persecutione sono tanto accresciuti, che di pochi ch' erano al principio s' habbiano di già fatto un corpo grossissimo et fortissimo, sotto un capo che è l' Archiprete immediatamente subordinato à S. $S^{tà}$, et parendole che mentre staranno in piedi i seminarij, et durerà questa subordinatione accompagnata con l' industria et buon zelo de i padri della compagnia, accrescerà ogni giorno più questo corpo, et si manterrà iui l' auctorità di S. $S^{tà}$ la quale le pare incompatibile con la sua, et insieme hauendo questi sacerdoti, ò almeno alcuni di loro confederati, già resa obedienza alla regina, et promesso di resistere etiamdio à sua $Sang^{tà}$ medessima quando sentasse qualch' cosa contra di lei, ancorche fosse per materia di

[a] Father Ceciliano, appointed by Father Parsons to be first rector of the seminary of Valladolid, founded in 1589.

[b] There is no heading to this document in the MS.

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