

SUMMARY: The document below contains answers in Charles Arundel's hand to interrogatories prepared from Oxford's notes (see TNA SP 12/151/42, f. 96, and TNA SP 15/28/2, f. 3).

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To the first thus I answer, that I was never at supper in Fleet Street or at the Earl of Northumberland's where any combination hath been made to any ill purpose, and of this interrogatory I understand not the meaning.

To the second, as I never uttered so never heard I of any such speech that the King of Scots began now to put on spurs on his heels, or that the matter of Monsieur's being once ended we should shortly after see her Majesty a most troubled and discontented person. This is as very a truth as he is of honesty that so reports of me.

To the third, I do protest that I never used any speeches of the Duke of Guise coming unto Scotland; it is a shameless lie and most maliciously devised, and as I am far from speaking of any such thing, so am from hearing of any speech contained in this interrogatory.

To the fourth I say that I remember well, being at the Earl of Oxford's lodging in Westminster, we fell in talk of travel and travellers, how a gentleman that would travel might live, and after what sort, that had three thousand pounds in his purse, and my opinion was that, being but a private man, no man lived more gallantly in the court, and for this matter I refer my speeches to report of Mr. Gifford and Mr. Swift.

To the fifth, it is as true that I staid over into Ireland within this five year as it is true I was reconciled the same years to the Church of Rome, and if my accuser can prove the first I will confess [+the] latter to do him a pleasure.

To the sixth I say that at my being in Cornwall I saw just as many Jesuits as I have seen snow, and that was never any. Other company went I not in than with my brother, a journey of pleasure and not of practice, to see our sister and nearest(?) kinsmen.

LM: Neither praising religion, wit, or constancy.

To the seventh, I shall not need to use many words to disavow this. These speeches have been too ordinary in the Earl of Oxford's mouth, as my Lord Harry, Southwell, and as many as hath accompanied him can witness.

LM: Another way, to Spain. How my Lord Chamberlain played the coxcomb. He discouraged Simier, when [] had his enemies [] trodden(?) on them.

To the eighth, thus I answer, that the very same night I spake last with him, I put him in mind of these very words whereof he now accuseth me touching upon my Lord Chamberlain [and Simier?], and told him that if he persisted in his wicked purpose I would lay open all his treachery, and now most shamefully hath he turned them on me, but those that best knows both him and me will acquit and charge.

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To the ninth, I never used unreverent speech of Monsieur or any other great estate, and for these words 'that he would be no more abused', the Earl of Oxford in his cups hath not only spoken them, but many more as vile as these.

LM: Bussy a warning to Simier's treachery. Monsieur caused Bussy slain.

LM: Praising the King of Spain's piety, greatness, and that I hoped to see him monarch of the world.

To the tenth, there is no one point in this interrogatory that toucheth the reproach of Monsieur but the Earl of O{xford} hath spoken, and in the contrary in praising the King of Spain's greatness and piety and that he hoped to see him monarch, and within two days after he hath railed as fast against, and if this be untrue, God never receive me to his mercy.

To the eleventh, I take God to witness I never had, so never heard I of, any intelligence that there should come ambassadors out of France, Spain and others which should assist the King of Scots' ambassadors in the demand of his mother, or of any such determination that should shortly come to pass. This springs from a muddy fountain.

To the twelfth, of her Majesty's wealth I never made search or inquiry, and of her receipts I never sought to understand.

To the thirteenth, so far am I from discourse, and so merely ignorant of her Majesty's receipts, as I not able to say what riseth out of her courts of justice, of her customs, of subsidies, privy seals and fifteens, or of anything else that hath been levied since the happy beginning of her reign.

To fourteen, I never discoursed, to my remembrance, of any such helps (as I am said to term them) devised by her Majesty by certain public collections as lotteries, building of Paul's steeple, with divers other levies and others, and of intent or speech that might imply any practice I am free.

To the fifteenth, I never sent Pike unto La Mothe, nor any to the King of Spain. If my accuser be as free from such practice it is the better for him.

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To the sixteenth, I never received more letters than I sent, either from La Mothe or the King, and that never any. Pike dwellens not far hence, who can remove this doubt.

To the seventeenth, as I know not his wife, so I made not the marriage, and for the reward he brought me from the King of Spain, it defrayed not his ambassage nor his marriage dinner.

To the eighteenth, as I cannot but wonder at this fiction, so was it not my office never to register the increase of the souls that hath been made through the shires of England, and of any such speech never heard I.

To the nineteenth, of any secret gathering far beyond the seas to the relief of any here, this question is as strange as the greater part of the rest of these interrogatories, and

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