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- Beginning of 80-year war between Spain and the Netherlands in 1566
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- Letters to and from the English agents in Scotland: the ambassadors Randolphe, Killigrew and the two Bowes, and the secretarial assistant Nicolson
- Extents and valors of the possessions of dissolved religious houses in Ireland, and those accused of high treason, including Gerald, Earl of Kildare (1540-1583)

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- Correspondence between Henry VIII and James IV and James V, and Queens Margaret and Mary in Scotland
- The marriage treaty of Mary, Queen of Scots and the future Francis II of France
- Letters between Queen Elizabeth I and Mary, Queen of Scots
- The special series *State Papers Scotland: Mary, Queen of Scots*

State Papers relating to Ireland include:

- Correspondence between Edward VI, the Privy Council, Protector Somerset, the King's chief ministers and the Crown's representative in Ireland and his Council in Ireland
- Letters to and from Queen Mary I and the Privy Council and the Queen's Secretaries, as well as despatches from the Crown's representative in Ireland (the Lord Deputy) and his Council in Ireland
- Letters to and from Elizabeth I's Secretaries of State
- Valuations of the possessions of dissolved religious houses in Ireland, and those accused of high treason, including Gerald, Earl of Kildare (1540-1583)

State Papers Foreign include:

- The Letters and papers relating to foreign countries of Edward VI, Mary I and Elizabeth I
- Correspondence and papers of the Secretary of State concerning the Revolt of the Netherlands against the rule of Spain
- State Papers relating to Holland which cover the assassination of Prince William of Orange
- State papers relating to Turkey, many from the Levant Company

Registers of the Acts of the Privy Council:

- Covered colonial policy, commercial and maritime law, trade and industry and naval and military policy
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Death of William of Orange: SP 83/22 f59

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