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about you, or so near you, as you may have the use of it upon few hours warning; the reason is, that your mighty enemies are at hand, and if God suffer them to pass by your fleet, you are sure they will attempt their purpose in landing with all expedition. And albeit your navy be very strong, yet, as we have always heard, the other is not only far greater, but their forces of men much beyond your's; else were it in vain for them to bring only a navy provided to keep the sea. But, so furnished, as to both keep the seas with strength sufficient, and to land such a power as may give battle to any Prince; as, no doubt, if the Prince of Parma come forth, their forces by sea shall not only be greatly augmented, but his power to land shall the easier take effect, wheresoever he will attempt; therefore it is most requisite for your Majesty to be provided for all events, of as great force every where as you can devise. For there is no dalliance at such a time, nor with such an enemy; you shall hazard your own honour, beside your person and country, and must offend your gracious God, that gave you these forces and power, and will not use them when you should. Now for the placing of your army; no doubt but I think, about London, the meetest for my part; and suppose others will be of the same mind; and that your Majesty do forthwith give the charge thereof, to some special nobleman about you; and likewise do place all your chief officers; that every man may know what he shall do; and gather as many good horses, above all things, as you can, and the oldest, best, and assuredest Captains, to lead; for therein will consist the greatest hope of good success, under God. And as soon as your army is assembled, that they be, by and by, exercised, every man to know his weapon; and that there be all other things prepared in readiness for your army, as if they should march upon a day's warning; especially carriages, and a commissary of victuals, and your master of ordnance. Of these