

Rome, that other bishops were excluded from the same, or that any one bishop above the rest, had the name of Decem...

Ex Epist. Pij. secudo. 103.

The four Patriarches appointed by the Council of Nice. Ex Concil. Nicen. Ex Concil. Constanti. cap. 36.

Ex Concil. Constantin. 2. Cap. 36.

Ex Concil. Constantin. cap. 2. 3.

Ex Concil. Carthag. Can. 39.

Ex Concil. Calcedon. cap. 28.

Ex Gabr. Biel. lib. 25.

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And least any here should take occasion of cavilling, to heare him called bishop of the first sea, here is to be expounded, what is meant by the first sea, and wherefore he was so called, not for any dignitie of the person, either of him which succeedeth, or of him whom he is said to succede, but onely of the place wherein he sitteth. This is plainly proued by the council of Calcedon, cap. 28. wherein is manifestly declared the cause why the sea of Rome among all other Patriarchall seas is named for the first sea by the auncient fathers. For, sayth the Council, ...

by mans law, not by the law of God. And so is the distinction of the Popes proued false, wherin is said: Romanam Ecclesiam non a concilio aliquo sed a diuina voce primatum accepisse, that the church of Rome, tooke not his primacie by any Council, but onely by the voyce of God. And this is to be said although it were true, that these titles & termes were so giuen to the bishop of Rome in the oscar time, yet how and by whom they were giuen, ye see. Now to trie this matter, as touching an illue with our aduocates, whether these foresaid titles of soveraigntie, were applied in the old tyme of the primitive church, to the Bishop of Rome, as to be called the vicarie general of Christ, the head of the whole church, and vniuersall bishop, &c. such to be proued, wherunto this in my minde is to be answered, that albeit the bishops of Rome (of some peraduenture) were so called by the names of higher preeminence of that cite, of some going about to please them, or to craue some helpe at their handes, yet that calling, First, was vied then but of a few. 2. Secondly, neuer was giuen to many. 3. Thirdly, was rather giuen, then sought for, of the most. 4. Fourthly, was not so giuen that it maketh or can make any generall necessitie of law, why every one is bound to call them, as the Bishop of Rome now doth to be taken and called, and that by necessitie of saluation, as the decree of Pope Boniface 8. witnesseth, where is said, quod sine necessitate salutis, vt credatur Primatus Belesis Rom. & ei subesse. That it standeth vpon necessitie of saluation, to cleue the Primacie of the church of Rome, and to be subiect to the same, &c.

The Popes fallie.

Bonifac. 8. Extrava. de maiorat. 25. obedient. Cap. Vnum.

As touching therefore these titles and termes of preeminence aforesaid, orderly to set forth and declare what histories of times doe laye in that matter, by the grace of Christ, First we will see what be the titles, the Bishop of Rome doth take and challenge to himselfe; and what is the meaning of them. 1. When the first came in, whether in the primitive time or not, and by whom. 2. How they were first giuen to the Romane Bishops, that is, whether of necessary duty, or voluntary deuotion, whether commonly of the whole, or parricellary of a few, and whether in respect of Peter, or in respect of the Citie, or els of the worthines of the Bishop which there sat. 3. And if the foresaid names were then giuen of certaine Bishops, vnto the bishop of Rome: whether all the laide names were giuen, or but certaine, or what they were. 4. Or whether they were then receaued of all Bishops of Rome, to whom they were giuen, or els retained of some. 5. And finally whether they ought to haue bene retained being giuen, or not. Touching the discourse of which matters, although it appertaine to the profession, rather of Divinitie, then of Historians, and would require a long and large debating: yet for so much as both in these, & vnto other weighty controversies of Diuinity, the knowledg of times and histories, must needs helpe Diuines disputing about the same so much as the grace of Christ shall assist me therein, I will soyne to the seeking our of truth, such helpe as I may.

And first to begin with the names and titles, now laymed and attributed to the Bishop of Rome: and what they be, is sufficiently declared above, that is, the chief Preist of the worlde, the Prince of the Church, Bishop Apostolicall, the vniuersall head of the Church, the head and Bishop of the vniuersall Church, the successor of Peter, most holy Pope, the vicar of God on earth, neighbor: God: nor man, but a mixt thing betwene both: the Patriarche of Metropolitane of the Church of Rome, the Bishop of the first sea. &c. Vnto the which titles or stile is annexed a triple crowne, a triple crosse, two crossed keys, a naked sword, laurelled scales, in token of the laurelled gates of the holy Ghost, he being carried pichbacke vpon mens shoulders, after the manner of bearded Kings, hauing all the Empire, and the Emperour vnder his domination: & that is not consentment for any territe Prince to reigne there, where he sitteth, hauing the plenary fulnes of power, as well of temporall things as spiritual things in his handes, that all things are his, and that all such Princes as haue giuen him any thing, haue giuen him but his stone, hauing at his will and pleasure to preach diligencie, and the trowle against Christen Princes who haue done: And that the Emperour, & certaine other Princes, ought to make to him confession of subiection at their coronation: hauing authoritie to depose, and that de facto, hath depose Emperours and the king of France: And to absolve the subiects from their allegiance to these Princes, whom kings haue fetted for footmen to lead his horse, and the Emperour to hold his stirrop, that he may and doth geue power to Bishops vpon the bodies of men, and hath granted them to haue prisons, without whose authoritie no generall Council hath any force. And to whom appellations in all mat-

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What names and titles be attributed to the Bishop of Rome. Ex 6. decret. Lib. 1. de elec. Et electio. Concil. Calcedon. ca. 17. de primio. plebs. The forme of the Popes appellatione to his titles appertaining.

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Ex frat. B. de. Et alia.