

the Romish people of thys our age safely thynke it to be true when they see it, neither yet shall they be able to deny the same, so cleare standeth the force of those recordes.

Ye heard a litle before, pag. 381. howe John Stratford Archb. of Cant. being sent for and required by the king to come vnto hym, refused so to do. what the cause was why he denyed to come at the kings sending, is neither touched of Boisdore Virgil, nor of any other monkish Chronicler, writing of thys actes and tines. whose part hath bene, faithfully to haue dispensed the simple truth of thyngs don to the y<sup>r</sup>. posterity. But that whych they dissimblingly and colourably haue concealed, contrary to true lawe of Logic, the true cause thereof we haue found out by the true Parliament roles, declaring the story thus.

King Edward the 3. in the 6. yeare of hys raigne, hearing that Edward Bailol had proclaimed himselfe kyng of Scotland: Requied counsell of the whole estate to wit, whether were better for hym to assaile Scotland, and to claim the demeing or demencies of the same: or els by making hym party to take hys aduantage. And thereby to enioy the seruice, as other hys auncesters before hym had done. For thys cause he somonoued a Parliament of all estates to meete at Yorke, about the begynning of December, where the kyng was already come, waiting for y<sup>e</sup> coming of such as were warned thereunto. For the want of whose coming, the parliament was reioined til monday, and from thence to Tuesday next ensuing. But forso much as most of the states were absent, the assembly required the continuance of the parliament, until the reas of S. Hilary then ensuing at Yorke, whych was granted. And so a new somonings was especially awarded to euery person with special charge to attend, so that the affaires of the king and the realme myght not be hindered, because of the debate betwene the Archb. of Cant. and Archbishop of Yorke, for the superior bearing of the crosse.

In conclusion, for all the kyngs somonings, none ofther of all the Clergy came, but onely the Archb. of Yorke, the byshop of Lincolne, and of Carlisle, & Abbots of Yorke and Seley. So that herunto came not the Archb. of Cant. nor any other of hys pounce, and all for bearing the crosse. wherby the same was not onely a losse to the oportunitie to Scotland: but also an importable charge to the whole estate by a newe assembly. And thus much out of the recordes, wherby thou mayest easily iudge ( prudent Reader) what is to be thought of these Pope holy Catholique Churchmen being of the Popes brode and setting by whom such fruolous causes of contention streue vp to such disquietnes, both among themselves, and also to such disobedience against their Prince: excuse them who can. Ex An. 6. Regis Edwardi 3.

It followeth moreouer in the same recordes, concerning the abandoning of the popes prouisions: how that the commons finde great default at prouisions commyng from Rome, wherby straungers were enabled w<sup>th</sup>in this realme to enioy ecclesiastical dignities, & shew diuers inconueniencies ensuing thereby, namely the decay of daily almose, & reanoyring of the treasure to nourish the kyngs enemies the diuocering of the secrets of the realme, & the disabling and impouering of the clerkes w<sup>th</sup>in this realme.

They also shew how the pope had in most court wyle granted to two new Cardinales w<sup>th</sup>in thys realme, (and namely to Cardinal de Beagotz) aboue ten thousand markes of yerly taxes: They therfore required the kyng and nobles to finde some remedy, for that they neuer could ne helpe them to expell out of thys realme the Popes power by force.

Hereupon, the King, Lords, and commons, sent for the act made at Carlisle, in the 35. yere of king Edward y<sup>e</sup> first, vpon the lyke complaint: thereby forbidding, y<sup>e</sup> any thyng shoulde be attempted, or brought into the realme, whych shoulde tend to the blemishing of the kyngs prerogatiue, or to the preiudice of hys Lords or commons. And so at thys tyme, the statute called the acte of prouision was made by common consent, whych generally forbiddeth the bynyng in of any Bulles, or such trickes from the Court of Rome, or the kyng, enioyng, or allowing of any such bil, process, instrument, or such w<sup>ar</sup>e, as thereby at large both appeare. wherof sufficiently is touched before, pag. 353.

The penalty of whych statute afterwarde followed in the next parliament, An. Reg. Ed. 18. tit. 32. the whych penalty was this: the transgressors thereof to lie in perpetuall prison, or to be forciued the land. And that all iustices of assize, gaile deliuiery, and Oyer and determiner, may determine the same. Requied withall, that the same act of prouision, shoulde continue for euer.

Item, that the sayd 18. yeare of the raigne of king Ed-

ward, tit. 34. it was moreouer propouided: that if any arch-bishop, or any person religious or other, use not present w<sup>th</sup>in 4. monthes some able clerke to any dignitie, where any person hath obtayned from Rome any prouision, Bil, &c. but increase the same: that then the kyng may present some able clerke.

Item, propounded in the sayd Parliament, an. 18. Reg. Ed. 3. that if any Byshop elect, shall refuse to take any such byshopricks, other then by such Bull: that then such elect, shal not enter ne enioy hys tempoalties without his special licence.

Also, that the king shall dispose all such benefices and dignities of such aliens his enemies, as remain in the countrey of hys enemies, and employ the profitcs thereof to the defence of the realme.

Moreouer propouided, that commissioners be sent to all the kyngs portes, to apprehend all such persons as shal bring in any such instrument fro Rome, and to bring them forth w<sup>th</sup> before the counsaile to answer there to.

Propounded farthermore, that the Deanry of Yorke which is to be recouered by iudgement in the kyngs court, may be bestowed vpon some able man w<sup>th</sup>in the realme, who will maintaine the same agaynst hym (meaning the Cardinal, who holdeth the same by prouision fro Rome, being the enemy to the king and to the realme) and that the profitcs may be employed to the defence of the realme.

The kynges answer. To all whych petitions answer was made in forme following: It is agreed by the King, Barons, Iustices, & other wise men of the realme, that the petitions aforesayd, be made in sufficient forme of law, according to the petitions aforesayd.

Not in thys answer of the kyng (good reader) that at the grant hereof, the content of the byshops is neyther named, nor expressed, with the other Lords of the Parliament: and yet, the Parliament standeth in hys full force, notwithstanding.

\* Notes of the Parliament holden in the 20. yeare of king Edward 3.

To passe farther in the 20. yeare of the kyngs reigne in the Parliament holden the same yere, it was propouided: that all alien Monkcs shoulde auoyde the Realme by the day of S. Michael, and that theyr liuings shuld be disposed, to young English scholers. The liuings of these the king toke to hys handes.

Item, that the king may take the profitcs of all others straungers liuings, as Cardinals and others, during their liues. The profitcs of wh<sup>o</sup> were also in the kyngs handes.

That such aliens enemies, as be aduanced to liuings here in England (being in their owne countreys, shomakers, tanners, or chamberclaynes to Cardinals) shuld depart before Michaelmas, and theyr liuings disposed to younge English scholers. The liuings also of these remayned in the kyngs handes.

The commons denied to pay any painment, to any cardinals lying in France, to entreat of war or peace: which also was granted of the kyngs part as reasonable.

Item, propounded and fully agreed, that the yearly aduancement of two thousand markes (granted by the pope to two Cardinals, out of the prouinces of Cant. and Yorke) shoulde be restrained, and suche as shal pursue therfore to be out of the law.

Lykewise enacted and agreed, that no English man shoulde take any thing in ferme of any Alien religious, ne buy any of their goods, nor be of theyr counsaile, on payne of perpetuall imprisonment.

Enacted further, that no person shoulde bynyng into the realme to any Byshop or other, any Bil, or any other letters from Rome, or from any Alien: vnclesse he shewe the same to the Chancelour or Warden of the Cinque portes, vpon losse of all he hath.

Finally, in the end of the said Parliament, the bishops were commaunded before the next conuocation, to certify into the Chancery the names of such Aliens, of their benefices, and the values of the same.

\* Notes of the 25. yeare of kyng Edward the third.

The Parliament of the 25. yeare, was begon the 6. day of february, the 25. yeare of king Edward 3. In the whych parliament beside other matters mo, was propouided: that remedy might be had agaynst the popes reueruations, by which brogace and meane the pope receiued the first fruits of all Ecclesiastical dignities: A more consumpcion to the realme, then all the kyngs wares.

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Partial dissimulation in our histories of the Church of England.

Ex anno. 6. reg. Edon. 3. tit. 1.

The Archb. of Cant. came not to the parliament at Yorke, and all for bearing the crosse.

Ex an. 17. reg. Edwardi. 3. tit. 39. The Popes prouisions restrained, tit. 59.

The church of England spoiled by the pope & his foreiners

The acte of K. Edwarde the first, re. uined for prouision, tit. 60.

Anno. Reg. Edwardi. 3. 18. tit. 32. Presentati- on within 4. monthes, an. reg. 18. tit. 34.

No elections to be taken by the pope, but only by the K. anno. reg. 18. tit. 35.

Dispositions of benefices onely in the kynges hand, an. 18. Ed. 3. tit. 36. Bulls fro Rome forbidden, an. 18. reg. Ed. 3. tit. 37.

The Deanric of Yorke taken fro the Cardinal, an. 18. reg. Ed. 3. tit. 38.

The kyngs answer & agreement to the foresayd petitions.

Note, that the Byshops be not here named, and yet the parliament standeth in force.

Alien monkcs to auoyd an. 20. Ed. 3. tit. 30.

The liuings of straungers beneficed taken into the kyngs hand, tit. 21.

The liuings of Romish straungers disposed to English men, tit. 32. tit. 33.

Cardinals de- prived of their liuings in England, tit. 34.

Ex Arch. 15. an. reg. Ed. 3. The popes first fruits & reueruations more hurtfull to the realme then all the kyngs wares, tit. 14.