

The law of premanire to be renued.

20. That the popes collector hath this yeare taken to hys be the first frutes of all benefices, by collatioe oꝝ prouision.

Against the popes vsurpation, tit. 112.

21. To renue all the statutes against prouisors frō Rome, sith that the Pope referreth all the benefices of the worlde for hys owne proper gift, & hath thys yere created 12. new Cardinals, so as nowe there are thirty, wherof was wont to be but 12. and all those Cardinals, except 2. oꝝ 3. are the kings enemies.

Englishe money payeth the Popes legacies, tit. 113. No good money in the realme for the pope and Card. tit. 114. The Popes collector or proctor diuion out of the realme, tit. 115. The Popes collector to be examined.

22. That the Pope in tyme, wil geue the temporall manors of those dignities to y kings enemies, sith he so daily vsurpeth vpon the Realme, and the kings regaltries.

23. That all houses and corporatiōs of religion, who vnto the kings raigne nowe had free election of heades, the Pope hath encroched the same to hymselfe.

24. That in all legacies from the Pope, whatsoener: the English dergie beareth the charge of the legates, and all for the goodnesse of our money.

25. And so it appeareth, that if the money of the Realme were as plentiful as euer it was: the Collectors atozelaid, wyth the Doctours of Cardinals, would swme conuey the same.

26. For remedy hereof it may be prouided, that no suche Collector oꝝ Doctoꝝ doe remayne in Englande, on payne of life and member. And that no English man on the like payne, become any such Collector oꝝ Doctoꝝ, oꝝ remayne at Rome.

27. For better information hereof, and namely touchyng the Popes Collector, for that the whole clergy beyng obedient to him, dare not displeas hym: It were good, that Syr John Strenale, parson of S. Bonnyphes in Holborne, may be sent to come before the Lozdes and commons of this Parliament, who beyng straightly charged, can declare much more, for that hee serued the same Collector in house 5. yeares.

English mē good assēs.

And thus much of this bil touchyng the popes matters: wherby it may appere, not to be for nought that hath bene vpon vs reprozed by the Italians and other straungers, which bled to call English men good Assēs: for they beare all burdens that be layd vpon them.

Order take in London against vsury, tit. 118. Complaynt against the B. of Yorke and his officer for their excelsiue taking for their admiffions, tit. 121. Ex Archivis Reg. Edou. 3. an. regni. 51. tit. 36. Against the popes prouisions from Rome, an. reg. 3. tit. 36. The effect of the Chancellors Oration.

Item, in the said parliament it was prouided also, that such order as is made in London against the horrible vice of vsury, may be obserued throughout the whole realme.

The commons of the dioces of Yorke complainde of the outrageous taking of the B. shop and his clarkes, for admiffion of prestes to their benefices.

To these recordes of the parliament aboue prestred of the 50. yere of thys king Edward: we will adioyne also o- ther notes, collected out of the parliament, in the yere next folowynge, which was 51. and last yere of this kings life and raigne, An. 1377. the 27. of January: Although in the printyd boke, these statutes are said to be made at the parliament holden, as aboue in the 50. yere wych is myche mistaken, and ought to be referred to the 51. yere, as by the recordes of the sayd yere, manifestly doth appere.

In which Parliament, the Bysshop of S. Davids being Lord Chancelour, making a long oration, taking his theme out of S. Paul: Libenter sufferis infipientes. &c. Declaring in the sayde Oration many thyngs, as first, in shewing the ioyfull newes of the olde kings recouerye: then declaring the loue of God toward the king and realme, in chastising hym wyth sickenesse: Afterwarde shewing the blessing of God vpon the king, in seeing hys children children: Then by a similitude of the head & members, exhortyng the people as members to cōfoyme themselves to the goodnesse of the head. Lastly, hee turned his matter to the Lozdes and the rest, declaring the cause of that assembly: that for so much as the frenche kyng had allyed hymselfe wyth the Spanyardes and Scottes the kyngs enemyes, wych had prepared great powers, conspiring to blot out the English tonge and name: the king therefore was willing to haue therein their faithfull counsaile.

The cause of this parliament chiefly for the Popes vsurpation against the king.

This being declared by the Bysshop: Sir Robert Ashton the kings chamberlaine, declaring y he was to moue them from the king, for the profit of the realme (the wyche wordes percase lay not in the Bysshops mouth, for that it touched the Pope) vj. By protestyng first, that the kyng was ready to do al that ought to be done for the pope. But for that diuers vsurpations were done by the Pope to the kyngs hys crowne, and Realme, as by particular billes in thys parliament should be shewed, he required of them to seeke redress.

In thys present parliament petition was made by the commons, that al prouisors of things from Rome, & their ministers, should be out of the kyngs protection.

Whereunto the kyng answered, that the Pope had

promysed redress, wyche if hee did not, the lawes then should stand.

It was also in that Parliament required, that every person of what sexe soeuer, being professed of any religion, continuing the habite of 15. yeares, may vpon the trial of the same in any of the kings courts, be in law vterly forbarred of al inheritance, albeit he haue dispensation from the pope. Against which dispensation, is the chief greudge, wherunto the king and the lozdes answered, saying, that they would prouide.

Item, in the sayde Parliament was proponded, that the statute of prouisors made at any tyme may be executed, and that remedy may be had agaynst such Cardinales, as haue wythin the prouinces of Caunterbury and Yorke, purchasid dispensations, wyth the clauit of Anteferris, to the value of xx. oꝝ xxx. thousande Soutes of golde agaynst the Popes Collector: who was wont to be an Englishman, and now is a mere french, residing at London, & conuertyh yeacly to the Pope xx. M. markes, oꝝ xx. M. pounde, who thys yere gathereth the first frutes whatsoener. Al- legyng the meanes to meete wyth these reseruations and naucleries, as: to commaund all straungers to depart the Realme during the warres, that no English man to become their fauourer, oꝝ to lend to them any money without speciall licence, on payne to be out of the kings protection: wherunto was answered by the kyng, that the statutes and ordynances therfore made, should be obserued.

In these rolles and recordes of such Parliaments as was in thys kings tyme continued, diuers other thynges are to be noted myche worthy to be marked, and not to be suppressed in silence. wherem the Reader may learne and vnderstand the state of the kings iurisdiction here wythin this realme, not to be straightened in those daies (although the Pope then seemed to be in his chief ruffe) as afterward since in other kings dayes was scene. As may appere in the parliament of the 15. yere of thys king Edward the 3. and in the 24. article of the sayde Parliament: wherem it is to be read, that the kings officers and temporall Justices did then both punish vsurers, and impeached the officers of the Church for hiberie, and for taking money for temporall paine, probate of willes, solemnitie of Marriage, &c. al the pretended liberties of the popish church to the contrary notwithstanding.

Furthermore, in the Parliament of the 25. yere, appereth: that the liberties of the clergie and their exemptions in claiming the deliuerance of men by their booke vnder the name of Clerks, stode then in little force, as appeared by one Haukeryne Honby knight: who for impugning one of the kings subiectes, till hee made fine of 20. li. was therefore executed, notwithstanding the liberty of the Clergie, wyche by his booke would haue saved hym, but could not.

The like also appeared by iudgement geuen agaynst a priest at Northham, for killing of hys maister.

And likewise by hanging certaine monks of Combe, Ex Parliam An. 23. Ed. 3.

Item, in the Parliament of the 15. yere, by apprehending of J. Stratford, Archbishop of Canterbury, and hys arraignment: concerning which his arraignment, all things were committed to sir William of Bilsby.

Besides these truthes and notes of the kings Parliaments, wherem may appere y toward proceedings of this king & of all his commons against the pretended church of Rome: Thys is moreouer to be added to the commendation of the king, how in the volumes of the actes & rolles of the king appereth. That the sayd king Edward the 3. sent also John Wickliffe, reader then of the diuinitie lectoz in Oxford, wyth certaine other Lozdes & Ambassadors ouer into the parts of Italy, to treat wyth the Popes Legates concerning affaires betwixt the King and the Pope to ful commissiō: the tenor wherof here foloweth expressed.

Ex vniuersis, ad quorum notitiam presentes literæ peruenerint. &c.

In English thus. The King to all and singular to whome these presentes shall come greeting. Know ye, that we reposing assured confidence in the fidelitie and wisdom of the reuerend father John Bishope of Bangor, and other our louing and faithful subiects, M. Iohn Wickliffe, reader of the diuinitie lecture, M. Iohn Gunter Deane of Segobyen, and M. Symon Moulton doctor of the lawe, Syr William Burton Knight, M. Iohn Belknappe, & M. Iohn Honnington, haue directed them as our Ambassadors and special Commissioners to the partes beyond the seas. Geuing to the sayde our Ambassadors and Commissioners, to fixe or fixe of them, of whom I will that the sayde Bishop shalbe one, full power and auctoritie, wyth commaundement speciall, to treat and consult mildly and charitably with the Legates and Ambassadors of the L. Pope touching certaine affaires. Whereupon of late we sent heretofore the

Against the P. his dispensations tit. 62.

By this Anteferris, that is, premanire is ment, the premanire about the kyng. The popes lawe of premanire, which now we corruptly call premanire, debarred by the K. tit. 78.

Ex Actis parliamenti in an. reg. Ed. 3. tit. 15. tit. 24.

Punishment of the clergie in the temporall mens handes.

Clarks subiect to temporall lawe.

The rayment of the Archb. of Cant. an. 14. Ed. 3. tit. 49.

John Wickliffe sent with the kings Ambassadors by the K.