

the said wickliffe to appeare, whiche day was Thursday, the 19. of february: Iohn wickliffe accompanied with the foure freres aforesayd, and with them also, the Duke of Lancaster, and Lord Henry Percy, Lord Marshal of England, the said Lord Percy also going before them to make rowme and way wherewith wickliffe should come.

Thus wickliffe (through the providence of god) being sufficiently garded, was comming to the place where the Bishops late: whom by the way they animated and exhorted not to feare nor shrinke whit at the company of the bishops there present, who were all unlearned (said they) in respect of him. For so proccede y^e wordes of my foresaid author, whom I follow in this narration: neither that he should dread the concourse of the people, whom they would themselves assiste and defend, in such sort as he should take no harme. With these wordes, and with the assistance of the nobles: wickliffe in hart encouraged, approcheth to y^e church of S. Paul in London, where a mayne preake of people was gathered to heare, what shold be sayd & done. Such was there the frequencie and throng of the multitude, that the Lordes (for all y^e puissance of the high Marshall) vnneth with great difficulty could get way through. In so much, that the bishop of London (whose name was William Courteney) seeing the stir that the Lord Marshal kept in the Church, among the people, speaking to y^e Lord Percy, sayd: that if he had knowne before what maistries he would haue kept in the church, he would haue stopped hym out, from comming there.

At which wordes of the Bishop, the Duke disdainyng not a litle, answered to the Bishop agayne, and sayd: that he would keepe such maistrie there, though he sayd nay.

At last, after much wrastling they pierced throughe and came to our Ladies chappell, where the Dukes and Barons were sitting together with the Archbishops & other Bishops. Before whom the foresayd Iohn wickliffe according to the maner, stode before the, to know what shold be laid vnto him. To whom first spake the Lord Percy, bidding hym to sit downe, saying: that he had many thinges to answer to, and therefore had need of some softer seat. But the bishop of London cast estoones into a familly chate in those wordes, sayd: he should not sit there. Neither was it sayd he: according to law or reason, that he which was cited there to appeare to answer before his ordinary, should sit downe during the time of his answer, but shold stand. Upon these wordes a fire began to heat & kindle betweene them. In so much that they began to rate and to reuile one the other, that the whole multitude therewith disquieted, began to be set on a hurrey.

When the Duke taking the Lord Percies part wryth hasty wordes began also to take vp the bishop. To whom the Bishops again nothing inferior in reprochful checks and rebukes, did tender & requite not onely to him as god as he brought: but also did so far excell him, in this sayyng arte of scolding, that to vse the wordes of mine author, Erubuit Dux quod non potuit praeualere litigio. i. that the Duke blushed and was ashamed, because he could not overpasse the Bishop in bawling and rapyng, and therefore fell to playn thearning, manafing y^e bishop, that he would bring down the pride not onely of hym, but also of all the prelacie of Englande: And speaking mozeouer vnto him: Thou (sayd he) bearest thy self so brag vpon thy parentes, which shall not be able to helpe thee: They shall haue enough to do to helpe themselves. For his parentes were the Earle and countesse of Deuonshire. To whom the byshop again answered, that to be bold to tell truth, his confidence was not in his parentes, nor in any man els, but onely in God in whos he trusted. When y^e Duke softly whispering in the eare of hym next by him, sayd that he would rather plucke out the Bishop by the herye of his head out of the Church, then he would take this at his hand. This was not spoke so secretly, but that the Londoners overheard him. wherupon being set in a rage, they cryed out, saying: that they would not suffer they^e bishop to contempuously to be abused. But rather they would lose their liues, than that he should be drawn out by the herye. Thus that counsell being broken with scolding and bawling for that day, was dissolved before 9. of the cloke. And the Duke with the Lord Percy went to the Parliament, where the same day, before dinner a bill was put vp in the name of the king by the Lord Thomas wolfock, and Lord Henry Percy, that the Cittie of London shoulde no mote be gouerned by a Mayor, but by a Captayne, as in times before. And that the Marshall of England shold haue at the adoe in raking the Arrestes within the said Citie, as in other citties beside, with other petitions moe, tending to the like derogation of the libertiees of London, which bill being read, standeth

by Iohn Whilpot Burgesse then for the citie, saying to the which read the bill, that that was neuer scene so before: & adding mozeouer that the Mayor would neuer suffer in such things, or other arest to be brought into the citie, with no such wordes of like stoutnes.

The next day following, the Londoners assembled themselves in a councell, to consider among them vpon the Bill for chaunging the Mayor, and about the office of the Marshall, also concerning the iniuries done the day before to they^e Bishop.

In which meane time they being busy in long consultation of this matter, suddenly and vnawares entered in the place two certaine Lordes, whether to come to spy, or for what other cause the author leauech it vncertaine, the one called Lord Fitzwalter: the other Lord Guy Brian. At the first comming in of the, the vulgare sort was ready forth with to flee vpon them, as spies, had not they made they^e protection with an othe, declaring that their comming was for no harme toward them. And so were compelled by the citizens to sweare to the citie their truch and fidelity, contrary to the which othe if they should rebel, contented to forset whatsoeuer goods and possessions they had within the citie.

This done, the began the Lord Fitzwalter in this wise to perswade and exhort the Citizens: first declaring how he was bound and obliged to them and to they^e Citie, not for the othe onely now newly receiued, but of old and ancient good will from his great graundfathers tyme. Because other diuers duties, for the which he was chiefly bound to be one of their principall santonys: for so muche as what so euer tended to their damage and detriment, redounded also so no lesse vnto his owne; for which cause he could not otherwise chuse, but that as he did vnderstand to be attempted against the publike profite and liberties of the Citie, he must needs communicate the same to them, who vntil they with speedy circumspection do occurre and prevent perils that may and are like to ensue, it would turne in the end to they^e no small incōmoditie. And as there were many other thinges, which required their vigilant care and diligence, so one thing there was, which he could in no wise but aduonish them of: which was this, necessary to be considered of them all, how the Lord Marshall Henry Percy in his place within himselfe had one in ward and custody, whether with the knowledge, or without the knowledge of them, he coulde not tell: this he coulde tell, that the sayd Lord Marshall was not allowed any such ward or priuon in his house, within the libertiees of the Citie, which thing if it be not scene in time, the example thereof being suffered, would in fine breede to such a preiudice vnto their customes and libertiees, as they should not hereafter, when they would reforme the iniurie thereof.

These wordes of the Lord Fitzwalter were not so soone spoken, but they were as soone taken of the rash Citizens; who in all hasty fury running to their armour & weapons, went accidentally to the house of the Lord Percy; where breaking vp the gates, by violence they tooke out the priuoner, & burned the stocks wherein he sat, in the midst of London. When was the Lord Percy sought for (whome sayth the story) they woulde doubtlesse haue slayne if they might haue found him, with their bills and ianclins, at corners and priuy chambers were searched, beds & hangings torne a sunder. But the Lord Percy (as God would) was then with the Duke, whom one Iohn Yper the same day with great instance had desired to dinner. The Londoners not finding hym at home, and supposing that he was with the Duke at Saouy, in all hasty heat turned their powey thither, running as fast as they could to the Dukes house, where also in like maner they were disappointed of their cruell purpose. In y^e meane while as this was doing, cometh one of the Dukes men running post hast, to y^e Duke & to the Lord Percy, declaring what was done. The Duke being then at his officers, without anye further tarryng, and also breaking both his thimmes at the foynne for haste, tooke boate with the Lord Percy, and by water went to Kingstone, where then y^e princeesse with Richard the young Prince did lye. who there declared vnto the Princeesse all y^e whole matter, concerning the outrage of the Londoners as it was. To whom the promised againe, such an order to be taken in the matter, as shoulde be to his contentation. At what time the commons of London, thus as is sayd, were about the Dukes house at Saouy, meeteth with the certain priest, who manreling at the sodain rage & concourse, asked what they sought: To whom answer was given agayne of some, that they sought for the Duke and Lorde Marshall, to haue of them the Lord Peter de la Mare, whom they wrongfully had deteined in priuon. To this the Priest answered agayne moze boldly then oportunity. What

Ex hist. Monachi, D. Albanici ex accommodato D. Math. Archiepisc. Cant.

Striving for the Lordes to packe by the people.

W. Courteney Bishop of London. The wordes of the B. of London to the L. Percy.

I. Wickliffe bid to sitte downe before the Bishops. Wickliffe denied by the Bishop of London to sit downe. Strife betwene the L. Marshall and Bishop of London. The people set in a stirre. Strife betwene the Duke of Lancaster & B. of London. The B. ouergoeth the Duke in scoulding.

This B. of London was W. Courteney, sonne to the Earle of Deuonshire.

The Duke threateneth to draw out their B. by the heare out of the Church. Londoners take part with their Bishop.

Petitions put vp in the Parliament against the Citie of London.

Holly counsaile of the Londoners.

The Oration of Lord Fitzwalter, to the Londoners.

The Citizens of London breake vp the L. Percers house at Saouy.

Gods prouision in saving his seruantes.

The house of the Duke of Lancaster searched of the Londoners.

The Duke and L. Percy flye to the Prince.