

But before we close vpp the story of this king : there cometh to hand that which I thought not good to omit a noble purpose of the king in requiring a viewe to be taken in all his dominions of all benefices and dignities ecclesiasticall remayning in the handes of Italians and Aliens with the true valuation of the same directed down by commission in the time of king Richard the second wherof the like also is to be found: the renour of which commission of king Edward I thought here vnder to set down for worthy memory.

* The king directed writtes vnto all the Bishops of England in this forme.

Anno. 48. Edward. tertij. Edward by the graces of God king &c. To the reuerend father in Christ. N. By the same grace Bishop of L. greeting. Beyng willing vpon certain causes to be certified what and how many benefices atwell Archdeaconries & other dignities as vicarages personages Priebeudes and Chappels within your dioces be at this present in thandes of Italians and other strangers, what they be of what valour, and how euery of the sayd benefices be called by name. And how much euery of the same is worth by the yere, not as by way of Taxe or extent, but according to the true valor of the same: likewise of the names of al & singuler such strangers being now incombentes or occupying the same and euery of the; moreouer the names of all them, whether Englishmen or Straungers, of what state or condition soeuer they be whiche haue the occupation or disposicion of any such benefices with the fruites and profites of the same in the behalfe or by the authoritie of any the foresayd Straungers by way of ferme, or title or procuracion or by any other wayes or meanes whatsoeuer, and how long they haue occupied or disposed the same : and withall if anye the sayd straungers bee nowe residents vpon any benefices: commaunde you as wee heretofore commaunde you that you sende vs a true certificat of all and singuler the premises into our high Court of chauncerie vnder your seale distinctly and openly on this side the fealt of thalcention of our Lord next coming without farther delay: returning vnto vs this our writte withall. Witnesse our selfe at Westminter 16 day of April in the 48. yere of our Reigne of England, and ouer Fraunce the 35. yere.

By vertue hereof certificat was sent vnto the king into his chauncerie out of euery dioces of England of al such spiritual lings as were then in the occupation eyther of Bishops Aliens or of other Straungers wherof the number was so great, as being all set downe would fill almost halfe a quyer of paper. wherby may appere that it was highe time for the king to seeke remedie herein, either by treatie with the Pope or oihewise: considering so great a porcion of the reuenues of his realme was by this meanes conueyed awayne and employed either to the reliefe of his enemies, or maintenance of the foyners: Amongst whiche number, the Cardinals of the court of Rome lacked not their share. As may appere by this which followeth.

The Lord Fraunces of the title of S. Sabyne, Priest and Cardinall of the holy Church of Rome doth hold and enioy the Deanry of the Cathedrall Church of Lichfield whiche is worth in the iurisdiction of Lichfield siue hundred marks by the yere. And y Priebeud of Brewood, & the personage of Abbatton to the same Deanry annexed, whiche priebeud is worth by the yere foure scoze marks and the personage twenty pound, whiche deanry with the priebeudes & personage aforesayd her hath holden and occupied by the space of 3. yeres. And one maister de in grisa strager as pctor to the saide Cardinall doth hold and occupy the same Deanry with other y premises with thappurtenances by name of Doctor during the yeares aforesayd, and hath taken by the fruites and profites, to the sayd Cardinall, dwelling not in the Realme.

L. William Cardinall of S. Angelo, a stranger doth holde the Archdeaconry of Suff. by vertue of prouision Apostolicall. from the feast of S. Nicholas last past, he is not resident vpon his sayd Archdeaconry. And the sayd Archd. together with the procuracions due by reason of the visitacion is worth by yere lxxvi. li. xiii. s. iiii. d. And maister John of Belmington. &c. doth occupy the seale of thoficiall of the sayd Archdeaconry, &c.

L. Reinwald of S. Adriane Deacon Cardinall: hath in the said County the personage of Bodalmonge, worth by yere xl. pound, and one Edward Twelue doth ferme the sayd personage for ix. yeares past.

The L. Anglicus of the holy Church of Rome prieste and Cardinall, a stranger was incumbent & did holde in possession the Deanry of the Cathedrall Church of Yorke from the 11. day of Nouember Anno. Dom. 1366. and is yearly worth according to the true valor thereof iiii. l. ii. and maister John of Stoke Canon of the sayd Church,

doth occupy the said Deanry and the profites of the same in the name of by the authoritie of the sayd L. Deane &c. But the sayd Deane was neuer resident vpon the sayd Deanry since he was admitted thereunto.

Item. L. Berogh of our Lady in Deacon and Cardinall a stranger doth possesse the Priebeud of Duffeld in the sayd Church of Yorke from the 7. day of June Ann. Do. 1363. from whiche day. &c. John of Hilloourne, and George of Compemanthorpe &c. doe occupy the said Priebeud worth by yere. l. ii. the sayd L. Berogh is non Resident vpon the sayd Priebeud.

Item. L. Simon of the Title of S. Syre priest and Cardinall. &c. doth possesse the Priebeud of Woyshaw in the sayd Church of Yorke worth by yere l. ii. And the foresaid maister John of Stoke doth occupy the foresaid Priebeud and the profites thereof &c. But the sayd Lord Simon is not resident vpon the sayd Priebeud.

Item. L. Frauncise of the Title of S. Sabyne Priest and Cardinall, a stranger doth possesse the Priebeud of Stranfall in the sayd Church of Yorke worth by yere l. markes. And maister William of Werfeld. &c. doth occupy the sayd Priebeud. &c. but the sayd L. Fraunces is not resident vpon the sayd Priebeud.

L. Peter of the title of S. Bared priest and Cardinall a stranger doth hold the Archdeaconry of York, worth by yere l. ii. and W. William of Werfeld &c. for vicars.

The Deanry of the cathedrall church of Sar with churches and chappels vnderwritten to the same Deanry annexed doth remayne in y hands of L. Reginald of the title of S. Adrian deacon and Cardinall and is hath remayned these 26. yeares and is neuer resident his protector is Laurence de ingris a stranger & is worth by yere lxxlii. li. xiiij. s. iiii. d.

Richard Bishop doth hold by paradi of Decree to the sayd Deanry annexed and hath holden the same, for xxx. yeares, worth by yere. xl. li.

Robert Lodford former of the Church of heightredbury to the same annexed worth by yere l. li.

The Church of Stoning and the chappell of Kestomp to the same Deanry annexed worth by yere lxx. markes.

The Chappell of herst to the same Deanry annexed worth by yere xl. li.

The Chappell of wokenhame to the same Deanry annexed worth by yere xxxvi. li.

The Chappell of Sanhurst worth by yere xl. s.

The Church of Bodalminge to y same Deanry annexed in the dioces of Winchester worth by yere. xl. li.

The dignitie of Treasorer in the Church of Sar. with Church and Chappels vnderwritten to the same annexed is in y hads of L. John of y title of S. Mark priest & Cardinall and hath so contained 12. yeares who was neuer resident in the same, worth by yere lxxxvi. li. xiiij. s. iiii. d.

The Church of Fighelton to the same annexed worth by yere. lxxvi. li. xiiij. s. iiii. d.

The church of Alwardbury with the chappell of Buton, worth by yere. xl. li.

The Priebeud of Calue to the same Treasorer annexed, worth by yere. l. li.

The Archdeaconry of Berck. in the Cathedrall Church of Sarisbury, with the church of Wotton to the same annexed, is in the handes of Lord William of the title of S. Stephen, who was neuer resident in the same: worth by yere. viij. scoze markes.

The Archdeaconry of Doffet in the Church of Sarisbury with the Church of Biffiche to the same annexed in the handes of L. Robert of the title of y xij. Apostles priest and Cardinall, and is worth by yere. lxxij. markes.

The Priebeude of woodfozde and wynelesford in the Church of Sarisbury, is in the handes of the Robert Cardinall aforesayd: and is worth xl. markes.

The Priebeud of Heriworth in the Church of Sarisbury is in the handes of the L. Cardinall of Agrifolia, who is neuer resident, and is worth by yere. lxxx. li.

The Priebeud of Retherbanby and Benyngster in the Church of Sarisbury one Berogh Delgrini a stranger d. d. hold xl. yeares and more, and was neuer resident in the same worth by the yere viii. scoze markes.

The church Priebeudary of Willingham in the nonety of Salisbury lately holden of L. Richard now Bishop of Epe is in the handes of the Lord Peter of the title of S. Bared priest and Cardinall &c. worth by the yere lxxx. li.

L. William of the holy Church of Rome Cardinall a stranger doth hold the archdeaconry of Canterbury and is not Resident the true valor of all the yearly fruites, Rentes and profites is worth seven hundred Florens.

The L. Cardinall of Canterbury is Archdeacon of wales & hath annexed to his Archdeaconry the churches

Sarisbu.

The Deanry of Sarisbury.

Treasorer of the Church of Sar.

Canterbury.

Bath & Wiles. of

Anno. 48. Edward. tertij.

Couentrie and Lychfield.

Norwycth.

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Ebor.