

the Dioces of Canterbury, there sitting in his Tribunal seat. To whom the sayd bishop of Canterbury saying, that for because at that time he had not the presence & assilence of the doctours in diuinitie, and of the Canon and ciuill law; He continued the sayd busines touching the sayd Nicholas Phillip, and Thomas, in the same state wherein the it was till Tuesday next & immediately ensuing: that is to say, the first day of July, the yeare of the Lord abouesayd, and prefixed vnto the sayd Nicholas, Phillip, and Thomas Wilman the same day to appeare before him, whercoener within his prouince of Caunterb. he should then chauce to be, to do that whiche vppon the sayd 28. day, they were purposed to doe together or a part.

Which Tuesday being come, the foresaid Archb. in the chiefe house of his Church at Canterbury, before the houre of 9. with the doctours, whose names are vnder conteyned and other Clerkes a great multitude: Expected the foresaid Nicholas, Phillip, and Thomas, long time by the bedle calling them and looking after them, who neuertheless appeared not before two of the clocke after dinner the same day, continuing the foresaid busines in the pristin state ty the same houre. At which houre the foresaid Archbishop of Cant. hauing assilentes, the doctours, & clerkes, vnder recited: examined the foresaid maister Thomas Wilman, the and there iudicially appearing, what his opiniõ was touching the foresaid conclusions: who at them and the meaning of them some what stammering, at last, to all and singular the same conclusions then to him red and expounded thus answered. I suppose and iudge all & singular those conclusions lately condemned by my Lord of Canterbury that now is, together with the consaile and consent of bys clerkes, to be hereticall and erroneous, euẽ as the same my Lord of Caunterbury, and other doctours of Diuinitie of the Canon and ciuill law, by common consent & counsaile haue supposed and thought. And that the same (being for hereties and erroneous as before is sayd condemned) doe as much as in me is condenned: protesting that I will holde and assure the contrary of those conclusions, & in the same sayth line and dye. Then sayd the archbishop of Caunterbury, then & there sitting as Tribunal or iudge, pronouncing the laid maisters Nicholas and Phillip (long in court called before and taried for, and yet not appearing) guilty of contumacy and disobedience: excommunicated them for the penalte of this their contumacie, in tenor of these words following.

We William by the grace of God archbishop of Caunterbury, Bishope of Englande, Legate of the Apostolicall see, and thoroough all our prouince of Caunterbury, of al hereticall prauitic chiefe Inquisitor: Do pronounce, maister Nicholas Herford, and maister Phillip Reppington, professors of diuinitie, hauing this day and place by our prescription appoynted to heare & decree in this busines of hereticall prauitic (being in Court by our Bedle long called & taried for, and yet not appearing) to be Subburne and disobedient persons: and for the penalte of this their contumacie, we do excommunicate them and either of them by these presentes.

\* The denouncing of the excommunication agaynst Nicholas Herford, and Phillip Reppington.

William by Gods permission Archb. of Caunterb. ec. To our beloued sonne in Christ, whosoener he be, & this instant sodayd shall preach at Paules crosse in London, Salutatiõ, grace and blessing. For asmuch as we prefixed a certayne competent day and place to maister Nicholas Herford, and maister Phillip Reppington, Canon Regular of the Monastery of our Lady of Leicester: being Doctours of Diuinitie and of hereticall prauitic, vehemently suspected: After certayne answers not fully made, but impertinently and nothing to the purpose, as also hereticall and erroneous: In diuers places of our said prouince commonly, generally, and publicly taught and preached, and therefore that they should iudicially appeare before vs, to doe & to receaue peremptorily in that behalfe, what thing soener the qualitie of that busines should moue vnto vs: and that we haue for their contumacie in not appearing before vs at that day and place iudicially appoynted as right therein required: we by these presentes commaund & commit vnto you, firmly enioyning you, that when all the multitude of people shall be gathered together to heare your sermõ: that in the day and place appoynted, you publicly and solemnly denounce the foresaid Nicholas & Phillip, holding vp a crosse, and lighting vp a candle, and then throwing downe the same vpon the ground, to haue bene to and in such maner excommunicated and still be.

Fare ye well. In our Manour house at Lambeth, the 13. day of July, the yeare of our Lord. 1382. and first yeare of our translation.

\* The Citation agaynst the sayd Nicholas and Phillip.

William by the grace of God. &c. To our welbeloued sonne M. Robert Rigge chauncellour of the Vniuersitie of Oxford salutation &c. For as muche as we haue prefixed a competent day and place to M. Nicholas Heerford, and M. Phillip Reppington &c. as before. We straightly charge and commaund you that you publicly and solemnly denounce in the church of our Lady, and in the scholes of the Vniuersity, the foresaid Nicholas and Phillip, to haue bene by vs excommunicated and still is. And that you further cite or cause to be cited peremptorily, the foresaid Nicholas and Phillip, that they and euery of them appeare before vs within 15. dayes after the date of this citation, wherfoeuer it shall fortune vs, within our sayd prouince of Caunterbury then to be: To heare and see how we meane to proceed against them, and euery of them concerning the foresaid hereticall and erroneous conclusions, according to the forme of retroactions and qualitie of the busines in this behalfe had and vsed. And that both of the day of the receipt of this present citation, of the manner and forme thereof, or if that you shall apprehend by personall citation the sayd Nicholas and Phillip or either of them, or whether they shall be absent and hide themselves, as of euery thing els which in this behalfe you shall thinke meete to be done: that betweene this and the feast of S. Laurence, you clerely certifie vs by your letters patentes contayning the effect of these things.

Fare ye well. At our Manour of Lambeth the 13. day of July, the yeare of our Lord. 1382. and first yeare of our translation.

\* The names of the Doctours and Fryers assilentes at this sitting.

Seculars, M. William Blankpayne. M. Wm. Barton. Freres Carmelits, Robert Eury prior, John Kenningham, prior, and John Lunne. Fryers Minoris, William Barntwel, John Ryddit, and William Hymcombe. Fryers Augustines, John Court, Harrington, Tomson and Keepes.

Against this blind excommunication of the said archb. the parties excommunicate, commenced and exhibited their appeale vnto the bishop of Rome. which appeale of theirs as insufficient, or rather to him vnpleasaut, the said archb. bishop vnto the said Rome (as might oftentimes onercommethly right) proceeding in his preconceaued excommunication against the, and writing moreover his letters to hym that should preach next at Paules crosse, as is aforesaid, to denounce and to publishe openly the said Nicholas Herford, and Phillip Reppington to be excommunicate, for that not appearing and theyr terme assigned, whiche was in the 13. day of the month of July.

Which archbishop moreover the said yeare, month and day aforesaid, sent also another letter to M. Rigge Chauncellour of Oxford, straightly enioyning and charging him not onely to denounce the sayd sentence of excommunication, and to geue out publique citation against them, but also to make diligent search and inquisition throug all Oxford for them, to haue them apprehended and sent vp to him personally before him to appeare, at a certayne day prefixed for the same, wherby may appeare howe busie this Bishp. was in disquieting & persecuting these poore men, who rather he should haue nourished and cherished by his charity. But as his labour is past, so his reward will follow at what day the great Archb. of our soules, shall iudicially appeare in his tribunall seat, to iudge both the quick and the dead.

The archb. yet not contented with this, both moreover by all meanes possible, sollicit the king to thyne with all, the power of his temporal sword, for that he well perceived, that hitherto as yet the poppish Clergy had no authority sufficient by any publicke law or Statute of this land to proceede vnto death against any person whatsoever, in case of Religion, but onely by the usurped tyranny and example of the count of Rome, where note (gentle reader) for thy better understanding the practise of the roushy prelates in seeking the kinges help to further their bloody purpose against the good saintes of God, which king being but young and vnder yeares of ripe iudgment partly induced or rather seduced by impozture suite of the foresaid Archb.

The excommunication of Herford & Reppington, denounced at Paules crosse.

Xiiij. day of July, anno. 1382. Other letters of the Archb. sent to the Chancellour of Oxford.

Hitherto no lawe to burne any man for religion.

The K. excommunicated by the archbishop.

The 1. day of July, an. 1312.

The answer of Tho. Hilman.

Nic. Herford and Phil. Reppington for not appearing excommunicated.

Excommunication pronounced by the Archbishop.

The 12. day of July, an. 1382. Excommunication to be denounced at Paules crosse.