

he should: helpe and ayde him in publishing of the same conclusions, as is befoze declared.

These thinges thus done and finished, Repington at the house appointed proceeded to his sermon. In y<sup>e</sup> which sermon among many other thinges, he was reported to haue vttered these sayings, or to this effect

That the popes or Bishops ought not to be recommended about temporal lordes.

Altho that in morall matters he woulde defend maister wickliffe as a true Catholicke doctoz.

Howeuer that the Duke of Lancaster was very earnestly affected and munded in this matter, and would that all such should be receaued under his protection: Besides many thinges moe which touched the prayle and defence of wickliffe.

And finally, in concluding his sermon, he dimissed the people with this sentence: I wish (sayd he) in the speculative doctrine, as appertaining to the matter of the sacrament of the aluter, keep silence and hold my peace, vntill such time as God otherwise shall instruct and illuminate the hartes of the Clergie.

When the sermon was done, Repington entred into Saint Frideswidis Church, accompanied with many of his frendes: who, as the enemies surmised, were priuily weaponed vnder their garmentes, if need had bene. Fryer Stokes the Carmelite aforesayd, suspecting all this to be agaynst him, and being afraid of hurt, kept to himselfe vnto the sanctuary of the church, not daring as then to put out his hed. The Vicechancellor and Repington, friendly saluting one an other in the church porch, sent away the people, and so departed euery man home to his owne house. There was not a litle ioy throughout the whole vniuersitie for that sermon, but in the meancime, the unquiet & busie Carmelite, kept not his matter. For first by his letters he declared the whole order of the matter vnto the archbishop, exaggerating the perils and daungers that he was in, requiring and desiring his helpe and ayd, y<sup>e</sup>remitting nothing, wherby to moue & stirre v<sup>p</sup> the archbishops minde; whic of his owne nature was as hote as a tosse as they say, and ready enough to prosecute the matter of his owne accord, though no man had picke him forward therunto.

Before all this (3. dayes after) with a fierce and bold courage, the sayd fryer preaching out the earuages and heresies agaynst them, took the way vnto the schooles: minding there to proue, that the hope and the Bishops ought to be prayed for before the Lordes temporal. Whiles this fryer was thus occupied in the schooles, he was mocked and derided of all men, and shortly after he was sent for by the Archbishop to London: whom immediately after, the Vicechancellor & Bishpwell followed v<sup>p</sup>, to purge and cleare themselves and their adherentes from the accusations of this fryer Peter. At the length they being examined vpon wickliffes conclusions y<sup>e</sup> were condemned: they did all consent, that they were worthily condemned. The Vicechancellor being afterward accused for the contempt of the Archbishops letters, when as he perceaued a lawe, that no crime would preuaile to auoyd that daunger, biting himselfe vpon his knees, he desired pardon. The which when he had now againe (as is aforesaid) albeit very hardly obtained: By the help of the Bishop of Winchester, he was sent away agayn with certayne commandementes, and suspensions of heretickes. Then began the hatred on eyther part somewhat to appeare and shew, and specially all men were offended, and in the toppes of these fryers and religious men, v<sup>p</sup> whom whatsoever trouble or mischief was rayed v<sup>p</sup>, they did impute it as to y<sup>e</sup> authors and causers of the same. Amongest whome there was one Henry Crompe, a monke Cistercion, a well leaured deuine, which afterward was accused by the Bishops of heresie. He at that time was openly suspected by the Communitie, because in his lectures he called the heretickes Lolardes, from his actes (as they terme them) in the schoole. When he conuining by and by v<sup>p</sup> to London, made his complaynt vnto the Archb. and to the kinges counsell.

Wherupon he obtaining the letters of the king, and of his counsaile, by the vertue thereof (returning againe to the vniuersity) was released & restored againe to his former state: the wordes of whiche letter here followeth vnder writen.

\* The copy of the kinges letter.

The king to the Vicechancellor and procuratoure of the Vniuersitie of Oxorde, greeting. Where as we of late vnderstanding by the grieuous complaynt of Henry Crompe monke and regent in deunitie within the sayd vniuersitie, howe that he,

being assisted by the reuerend father in God the Archb. of Cant. and by other clerkes and deuines in the City of London, to proceede in the condemnation of certayne conclusions erroneous and hereticall, hath bene therfore molested by you: And that you through sinister suggestion of some aduersaries (pretending the peace of the sayd vniuersitie) to haue bene broken by the sayde Henry in his last lecture: did therefore call him before you to appeare and answer: and for his not appearing, did therefore pronounce him as obstinate, and conuicte of peace breaking: also haue suspended the sayd Henry from his lectures, and all scholasticall actes. And whereas we, by our writte did call you v<sup>p</sup> for the same, to appeare and answer before our counsaile, vnto the premises: so that all thinges being well tryed and examined by the sayd counsaile, it was found and determined, that all your processe agaynst the sayd Henry, was voyde and of none effecte: and commandement geuen, that the sayd Henry should be restored and admitted agayne to his former lectures and scholasticall actes, and to his priuilege here as you knowe. To the intent therefore that this decree aforesaid should be more duely executed of your part, we heare by these presentes straightly charge and command you: That you speedily reuoking agayne all your processe against the sayd Henry in the vniuersitie aforesayd, with all other that followed thereof: doe admitte and cause to be restored agayne the sayd Henry to his scholasticall actes, his accustomed lectures and priuilege estate, without all delay according to the forme of the decree and destination aforesayd. Enioyning you moreouer and your commissaries or deputies and your successours, and all other maisters regent and not regent, and other presidentes, officers, ministers, and scholers of the vniuersitie aforesayd, vpon your faith and legerance you owe vnto vs that you doe not impeache, molest, or greue, or cause to be greued (any manner of way, priuily or apertly) the sayd Fryer Henry for the causes premised, or Fryer Peter Stokes Carmelite, for the occasion of his absence from the vniuersitie, or Fryer Stephen Packington Carmelite, or any other religious or secular person fauouring them, vpon the occasion of any eyther word or deed whatsoeuer, concerning the doctrine of maister Iohn Wickliffe, Nicholas Herford and Phillip Repindon, or the reprofe and condemnation of their heresies and erroures, or the correction of their fauourers. But that you doe procure the peace, vniuite and quiet, within the sayd vniuersitie, and chiefly betwene the religious and secular persons: and that you with all diligence nourishe, encrease, and preseue the same to the vttermost of your strength. And that you in no case omitte to doe it accordingly, vpon the forsayures of all and singular the liberties and priuilegies of the vniuersitie aforesayd. Witnesse my selfe at Westminster the 14. day of July.

Henry Crompe complayneth to the kings counsell of the most secular maisters of Oxford.

Henry Crompe, Peter Stokes, Carm. Steuen Packington Ca. mentioned by the King to their scholasticall actes.

Execution was made, as you heard a litle before, how the Bishp of Bigges Vicechancellor of Oxford, coming v<sup>p</sup> with the Bishpwell to the archb. of Cant. was there straightly examined of the conclusions of wickliffe, where he notwithstanding through the helpe of the B. of Wint. obtayned pardon, and was sent away agayn with commandementes and charges, to seeke out all the fauourers of Iohn wickliffe. This commandement being receaued, Nicholas Herford, and Phillip Repington (being priuily warned by the sayd Vicechancellor) in the meane season coucted them out of sight, and fled to the Duke of Lancaster for succour & helpe, but the Duke whether for feare, or what cause els, I cannot say, in the end forsooke his poore and miserable clients.

Herford & Repington fled to the Duke of Lancaster.

In the meane time, while they were fled thus to the Duke, great search and inquisition was made for them to cite and to apprehend them where so euer they might be found. wherupon, the archb. of W. Courtney directed out his letters first to the Vicechancellor of Oxford, then to the Bishop of London named Rob. Braybroke: charging them not onely to excommunicate the sayd Nicholas and Phillip, within their iurisdiction, and the sayd excommunication to be denounced likewise throughout all the dioces of his suffraganes: but also moreouer, that diligent search and watch should be layd for them, both in Ox. and in Lond. that they might be apprehended: requiring moreouer by them to be certified agayne, what they had done in the premises. And thys was writen the 14. day of July. an. 1382. Ex Regis.

Letters of the Archb. to the Vicechancellor. Letters of the Archb. to the B. of London. Rob. Braybroke B. of London.

The 14. day of July. an. 1382.

Vnto these letters receaued from the archbishop, diligent certifiat was geuen accordingly, as well of the Bishop of London his part, as also of the Vicechancellor, the tenour whereof was this.

\* The letter certificatorie of the Vicechancellor to the Archbishop.

The letter of Rob. Rigges Vicechancellor to the Archb.

To the reuerend father in Christ, Lord William Archbishop of Caunterbury Primate of all England, and Legate of the Apostolique

Notes of the Sermon of Repington.

The vniuersitie reioyseth.

Whether the Lordes temporal were to be prayed for before the P. and Bishops. The Fryer derided and mocked in the scholes.

Religious men first causers of this trouble.

H. Crompe first an accuser of other, after accused himselfe for heresie.