

saith, in these wordes following. Richarde by the grace of God, king of England and of Fraunce, &c. wec on the behalfe of our holy mother the Church, by the kings authoritic aforesaid, do require you: that you cause the same Richard, William, Roger, and the rest, to be arrested, and sent unto us, that they wryth their pernicious doctrine doe not infect the people of God, &c. Beuen vnder our seale, &c.

By another instrument also in the same Register, is mention made of one Margaret Caily Monke, wbych forsaking her order, was by the layde Archb. constrained agaynst her wil, againe to enter the same, as by thys instrument here vnder insuing may appeare.

William by the grace of God, &c. To our reuerend brother in God, John by the grace of God, Bysshop of Ely greeting, &c. In the visitation of our dioces of Lincoln according to our office, amongst other enormities woorthy reformation, we found, one thepe out of our fold strayed and amongst the byers tangled, to witte, Margarete Caily, Runne professed, of the monasterie of S. Margonde wth your Diocese: who casting the habite of her Religion, was founde in secular attire, many yeares being an Apostata, & leading a dissolute life. And least her bloud shoulde be required at our hands, we haue caused her to be taken, and brought unto you being her pastor: and straitly inioyning you by these presents do commaund, that you admit the same Margarete againe into her foresayd Monasterie (although returned againt her wil) or els into some other place, where for her soules health you shall thincke moste conuenient: and that from henceforth she be safely kept, as in the straight examination of the same you wil yeld an account. Beuen vnder our seale, &c.

By sundry other instrumentes also in the same register recorded I finde, that the foresayde Matilde the anchoress, vpon the straight examination and handling of the foresaid Archbishop, before whome peremptorily she was enioyned to appeare, and till that day of apparance taken out of the recluse and committed to safe custodie as you heard: retracted and recanted her foresayd articles and opinions. For the which she being enioyned 40. dayes penance, was againe admitted into her foresaid recluse in Leicester. The Bysshops letter to the Magistrates of the towne thus beginningh. Willielmus permissioe diuina, &c. dilectis filijs, &c.

Also, by an other letter of the foresayde Archbish, to the Deane of the Cathedral church of our Ladye of Leicester being registered, I finde: that of the number of thole 8. persons before recited, whom the Archbishop himselfe at high Masse, did in hys Pontificalibus so solemnely curle wryth booke, bell, and candle: After certeine proces being sent out againt them, or els in the meane time being apprehended, & taken: two of them recanted their opinions, to wit, William Smith, and Roger Dexter. But in the meane tyme, Alyce the wife of the sayde Roger Dexter, takyng holde of the foresaid articles with her husband also, together wryth the said William Smith, abiured the same. For the which the wordes of the instrument. Sublequenter vero, prefati Willielmus, Rogerus, & Alicia reatus suos respicientes, se nostro conspectui presentarunt, &c. Notwithstanding, whether they presented theselues willingly, or els were brought againt their wils (as most like it was) had penance was enioyned them before they were absolved. These be the wordes of the instrument.

Sancta mater ecclesia, &c. i. Seeing our holy mocher the church, denieth not her lap to any penitēt childe returning to the vnitie of her, but rather profereth to them the same: we therefore do receiue againe the sayd William, Roger, & Alice to grace. And further haue caused them to abiure all and singular the aforesaid articles & opinions before they received of vs the benefit of absolution, & were loosed from the sentence of excommunication wherein they were snarled: inioyning vnto them penance, according to the quantitie of the crime, in forme as foloweth, that is to say. That euery one of them y lunday next after their returning to thez proper goodes: they the sayd William, Roger, & Alice, holding euery one an image of y crucifix in their right hands, and in their left handes euery one of them a taper of waxe, waying half a pound waight, in their shirtes (hauing none other apparel vppon them) doe goe before the Crosse thre times, during the procession of the Cathedral Church of our Lady of Leicester: that is to say, in the beginning of the procession, in the middle of the procession, and in the latter end of the procession: to the honor of hym that was crucified in the memoriall of his passion, and to the honor of the virgin his mother: who also deuoutly bowing their knees

and kneeling, shall kisse the same crucifixe to heide in theyr handes. And so with the same procession, they cerryng againe into the church: shall stano during all the tyme of the holy Masse, before the image of the Crosse with their Tapers and crosses in their handes. And when the Masse is ended, the sayde William, Roger, & Alice, shall offer to him that celebrated that day the Masse. Then vpon the Saturday next insuing: the sayd William, Roger, and Alice, shall in the full and publicke market, within the towne of Leicester, stande in like manner in their shirtes, without any more clothes vpon their bodies, holding the foresayd crosses in their right handes, to which crosses, thre times they shall (during the market) deuoutly kisse reuerently kneeling vppon their knees: that is, in the beginning of the market, in the middle of the market, and in the ende of the market. And the sayde William (for that hee somewhat vnderstandeth the Latine tounge) shall say this Antheame wryth the collect Sancta Katharina: and the foresayde Roger and Alice, being vncleard, shall say deuoutly a Pater noster, and an Ave Maria. And thirdly, the Sunday next immediatly after the same, the sayde William, Roger, and Alice, in theyr parish Church of the sayd towne of Leicester, shall stand and do as vppon the Sunday before, they stode and byd in the cathedrall Church of our Ladye aforesayde, in all thynges, which done, the foresayd William, Roger, and Alice, after Masse, shall offer to the Priest or chaplaine that celebrated the same, with all humiliti and reuerence the waue tapers, which they shall carie in their handes. And because of the colde weather y now is, least the foresaid penitents myght peradventure take some bodely hurt standing so long naked (being mindful to moderate partly the sayd our rigor) we geue leaue: That after their entrance into the churches aforesayde, whilist they shall be in hearing the foresayde masses: that they may put on necessary garments to keepe them from cold, so that their heads and face nor withstanding, be bare and vncouered. Wee therefore wil and commaund you together and a part, that you denounce the said William, Roger, and Alice, to be absolved and restored againe to the vnitie of our holy mother the church, and that you call them forth to do their penance in maner and forme aforesayde. Given at Dorchester, the 17. day of Nouember in the yeare of our Lorde God 1389. and the 9. yeare of our translation.

Unto the narration of these above sayd, we wil adioyne the story of one Peter Pateshull an Austen Friar, who obtaining by the Popes priuiledge (through the means of Walter Dis, confessor to the Duke of Lancaster) libertie to change his coat and religion, and hearing the doctrine of John Wicklesse & other of the same sort: began at length to preach openly and to detect the vices of his order, in such sorte as all men wondered to heare the horrible recyting thereof. This being brought to the eares of hys order, they to the number of 12. (coming out of their house to the place where he was preaching) thought to haue withstode hym perforce. Among whom one especially for the zeale of hys religion, stode vp openly in his preaching, and contraried y which he said, who then was preaching in the Church of S. Christopher in London. This when the faithfull Londoners did see, taking griefe hereat, were moued w great ire againt the laide Friar, thursting him wth hys other brethren out of the church, whome they not onely had beaten and soze wounded, but also followed them home to their house, mineding to haue destroyed their mansion w fire also, and so would haue done, had not one of the Heriffes of London, wryth two of the Friers of the sayde house well knowne & reported amongst the Londoners, wryth gentle wordes mitigated their rage and violence. After thys, Peter Pateshull thus disturbed as is aforesayd, was desired by the Londoners (for so much as he could not well preach amongst them) to put in wryting that, which he had sayde before, and other things more that he knew by the Friers: who then at their request wryting the same, accused the friers of murthre, committed againt diuers of their brethren. And to make the matter more apparant & credible, he declared the names of them that were murthred, wryth the names also of their tormentours. And named moreouer, time and place where and when they were murthred, and to wher they were buryed. Hee affirmed further, that they were Sodomites and traitours both to the kyng and the realme with many other crimes, which mine anhour for tediousnes, leauech of to recite. And for the more consutation of the said friers, the Londoners caused the sayd Bill, to be openly set vp at S. Pauls Church doore in London, which was there red and copied out of very many. Thys was done in the yeare of our Lord 1387. and in the 10. yere of King Richarde seconde. Ex Chron. Monachi Albanensis. Cuius

Margaret Caily a Nun constrained agaynst her will to take againe her habite.

Matild recateth.

William Smith Roger Dexter, & Alice his wife abiure.

The maner of their penance inioyned.

{ Ann. 1389. }

3. kisses of the crosse.

The collect of Katharin. The Pater noster, & Ave Maria.

Cold weather graciously considered.

Peter Pateshull againt the friers.

Londoners againt the friers.

Peter Pateshull.

The Fryers accused with horrible crimes.

{ Anno 1387. } Ex Chron. D. Albani.