

Ex 3. Anno. Reg. Ric. 2.

Here note well a strange proceeding.

But marke the strange euent.

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Tit. 24. Against vsury.

Ex. tit. 29.

Whercoer, in the thyd yeare of kyng Richard the second, the Prelates and Clergie made their protestation in this Parliament, expressly agaynst a certaine new graunt, to wit, their extorziens: That the same neuer should passe with their assent and good will, to the blemishyng of the liberties of the Church, if by that worde extorziens, they meant any thyng largely to proceede against Ordinaries & others of the Church. But if they meant none otherwise to deale hereafter therein, the before that y tunc had bene done then would they consent. wherunto it was replied for the king, that neither for the same they sayd protestation, or other wordes in that behalf, the king woude nor stay to graunt to his Justices in that case and all other cases, as was vsed to be done in times past, and was bound to doe by vertue of his othe done at his coronation.

Furthermoze, in the fourth yeare of the sayd king Richard 2. it was requested, that prouision might be had agaynst the popes collectors, for leuyng of the first frutes of ecclesiasticall dignities within the realme.

Item, that all Priors Aliens might be renoued out of their houses, and licensed to depart, & neuer to reuert. And that English men may be placed in their liuings, answering the king as they did.

And in the 9. yeare of the foresayd king, touching matter of the Staple, the speaker of the Parliament pronounced, that he thought best the same were plantid within the realme, considering that Calis, Buges, and other towne beyond the seas, grew very rich thereby, and good to wones here very much decayed, and so much for the common profit. Touching the king, he affirmed that the subsidie & custome of wool more yelded to the king wher the staple was kept in England by one thousand markes yearely, then it did now being holden beyond the seas.

Item: that inquisition and redesse might be had agaynst such religious persons, as vnder the licence to purchase 10. li. yearly, do purchase 80. li. or 100. li.

Item, that all Clerkes aduanced to any ecclesiasticall dignitie or liuing by the king, will graunt to the king the first frutes of their liuings, none otherwise then they would haue done to the pope being aduanced by him.

In the 11. yeare of R. Richard. 2. it was put vp by the petitions of the commons, that suche impositions as are gathered by the popes bulles of Volumus and imponimus the translations of B. B. and such like might be imployed on the kinges warres agaynst the schismatickes of Scotland. And that such as byng into the realme the like bulles and nouelties may be reputed for traytors.

In the 12. yeare of his raigne, followed an other parliament, in which although the archb. of Canterbury and York, for them and the whole Clergie of their prouinces, made their solemn protestations in open Parliament, that they in no wise ment or would assent to any statute or law made in restraynt of the popes authoritie, but vtterly with stood the same, willing this protestation of theirs to be enrolled: yet the sayd protestation of theirs at that time took no great effect.

Item, in the same Parliament was put vp by publike petition, that the popes collector should be commaunded to auoyd the Realme within 40. dayes, or els to be taken as the kinges enemy, and that euery such collector from hence forth, may be an Englishman and sworn to execute the statutes made in this Parliament.

Whercoer in the sayd Parliament, the yere abouesayd of the king: the 26. of January, M. John Mjandour Clark was charged openly in the parliament, that he should not passe, ne send ouer to Rome, ne attempt or doe any thinge there touching the Archdeaconry of Durham in preiudice of the king or of hys lawes, or of the party presented thereto by the king, on perill that might ensue.

The next yere following whiche was the 14. of thys kinges raigne, it was enacted first touching the staplers, that after the feast of the Epiphany next ensuing, that y staple should be remoued from Calice into England, in suche places as are contayned in the statute made in 27. Edw. 3. the which statute should be fully executed: and further, that euery Alien that byingeth merchandise into the Realme, should finde sufficient surety to buy and cary awaye commodities of the Realme, to halfe the value of his sayd merchandise.

Item, in the same parliament petition was made, that agaynst the horrible vice of vsury then termed shiss, practiced as well by the clergie as laitie, y order made by John Rette, late Mayor of London, might be executed throughout the Realme.

Whercoer in the 15. yeare of the raigne of the foresayd king it was accorded: for y lxx. Brian knight, had purchased from Rome a Bull directed from the Archb. of

Canter, and York, to excommunicate suche as had broken vp his house, and had taken away diuers letters, priuileges, and charters. The same Bull being red in the parliament house, was adiudged preiudicial to the kings crown and in derogation of the lawes, for the which hec was by the king and assent of the Lordes committed to the Tower, there to remaine at the kinges will and pleasure.

In the sayd Parliament also, w. Archb. of Canterbury maketh his protestation in the open parliament, saying, that the pope ought not to excommunicate any bishop, or to entermeddle, for, or touching anye presentment to anye ecclesiasticall dignitie recorded in any the kinges courtes. He further protested, that the pope ought to make no translation, to any Bishopricke, within the realme against the kinges will: for that the same was to the destruction of the realme and crowne of England whiche hath alway bene so free, as the same hath had none earthly soneiraigie, but onely subiecte to God in all thinges touching regalities, and to none other. The which protestation he prayd might be entred.

In the 17. yeare of the raygne of the king aforesayd, it was desired that remedy might be had, agaynst suche religious persons as caused their villians or vnderlings to marry free women inheritable, wherby the lands came to those religious mens handes by collusion.

Item, that sufficient persons might be presented to benefices who may dwell on the same to as theyr stocke for want thereof do not perill.

Item, that remedy might be had agaynst the Abbotes of Colchester and Binton, who in the townes of Colchester and Colnham clayme to haue sanctuary.

To come to the parliament holden in the 20. yeare of this kinges raigne, we finde mozeouer in the sayd rolles: how that the Archb. of Cant. and York, for themselves and the clergie of their prouinces, declared to the king in open parliament, y forasmuch as they were sworn to y pope and lee of Rome, if any thing were in the parliament attempted in restraynt of the same, they woude in no wise assent thereto, but verily with stand the same, the which theyr protestation they require to be enrolled.

Upon the petition of the begging Friers there at large it was enacted: that none of that order shoulde passe ouer the seas, without licence of his soneiraigie, nor that he shoulde take vpon him no order of M. of Diuinitie, vnlesse he were first apposed in his Chapter prouinciall, on payne to be put out of the kinges protection.

Item, that the kinges officers for making arrests or attachments in Churchyardes, are therfore excommunicated, wherof remedy was required.

In the yeare of the same kinges raygne. 21. the Parliament being holden at westminster, we find how the commons in full Parliament, accused Thomas Arundell archbishop of Caunterbury, for that he as Chancelor procured, and as chiefe doer executed the same commission, made trayterously in the tenth yeare of the king. And also that he the sayd Archb. procured the Duke of Gloucester and the Carles of Arundell and warwicke, to encroche to themselves royall power, and to iudge to death Simon de Burley, and sir John Berners without the kinges assent. wheron, the Commons required that the same archb. might rest vnder safe keeping: wherunto, for that the same impeachementes touched so great a person, they would be aduised.

Item, the 25. day of September, the Commons prayed the king to geue iudgement agaynst the sayd Archb. according to his desertes. The king answered, that priuately the sayd Archb. had confessed to him, howe he mistooke himselfe in the sayd Commission, and therfore submitted himselfe to the kinges mercy. wherfore, the king Lordes and sir Thomas Bercey, proctor for the clergie: adiudged the sac of the sayd Archb. to be treason, and hymselfe a traytour, and therfore it was ordered: that the sayd Archb. shoulde be banished, his temporalities seised, his landes and goodes forseypted, as well in vse as in possession.

The king further prescribed, that the sayd Archb. shoulde take hys passing on Friday within 6. weekes of Michaelmas, at Douer, towards the parts of Fraunce.

Thus haniug hitherto sufficiently touched and comprehended such thinges as haue happened in the raygne of this king, necessary for the Church to knowe, by course of story: we come nowe to the 22. yeare of King Richardes raygne, which is the yeare of our Lord, 1399. In the which yeare happened the strange and also lamentable deposing of this king Richard the second aforesayd, from hys kingly scepter, & strange, for that the like example hath not often

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Ex An. 17. Reg. Ric. 2. Titul. 33.

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Ex an. 20. Reg. Ric. 2. tit. 22.

Here the Archb. of Cant. goeth contrary to himselfe.

Titul. 32.

Tit. 36.

Ex 21. an. Reg. Ric. 2. titul. 15.

Ex tit. 16.

Tho. Arundell Archb. of Cant. proued a traitour by parliament.

Ex tit. 17.