

The king arrest-
ing his owne
Vncle, caused
him to be put
wrongfully to
death.

kinges commaundement, by secret meanes was put to death, being strangled vnder a fetterbed, the Earle March shall being then the keeper of Calis. wherby great indignation rose in many mens hartes agaynst the king.
with the same Duke of Gloucester, also about y same time, was arrested and imprisoned the Earle of warwicke, and the Earle of Arundel: who being condemned by parliament, were then executed, wherby great grudge and great indignation rose in the hartes of many agaynst the king. an. 1397.

Fourthly to omit here the blanke chartes sent ouer all the land by the king: and how the king was sayd to let out his realme to ferme:ouer and beside all these about pre- mised, fell an other matter, which was the principall oc- casion of this mischiefe: The banishment of meane of Be- ry Earle of Darby, and made Duke of Berford a little be- fore, being sonne of John of Gaunt the Duke of Lancaster (who dyed shortly after the banishment of hys sonne, and lieth buried in the Church of S. Paule in London) and the Duke of Northfolke: who was before Earle of Noting- gham, and after by this king, made Duke of Northfolke the peace before. At which time the king made 5 Dukes, a Marques and foure Earles, to wit: Duke of Berford, which was before Earle of Darby: Duke of Aumerle, which was before Earle of Burland: Duke of Southzey, who was before Earle of Kent: Duke of Exeter, which was before Earle of Huntington, and this Duke of North folke, being before Earle of Nottingham, as is aforesayd et. The occasion of banishing these foze layd Dukes was this.

About this present time, the Duke of Berforde did ap- peach the Duke of Northfolke vpon certayne wordes to be spoken agaynst y king, wherupon, casting theyr gloves one agaynst the other, they appointed to fight out y quar- rel, a day being for the same appointed at Couentry. But the king tooke vp the matter in hys owne handes, ban- ishing the Duke of Northfolke for euer, which after dyed at Chicnee: and y other Duke which was the Duke of Ber- ford, for 10. yeares. Beside these, also was exiled in France Thomas Arundel archbishop of Caunterbury, by Acte of Parliament, in the same yere, for poppys of treason, as ye haue heard before exprest, page. 512. col. 2. All which turned to y great inconueniencye of this king, as in the euent following may appeare.

These causes and preparatiues thus premised, it fol- lowed the yere after, which was an. 1399. and last yere of this king, that the king vpon certaine assayes to be done, tooke hys viage into Ireland. In which meane time: Be- ry of Wollingbroke, Earle of Darby, and Duke of Berford and with him the foze layd archbishop Thomas Arundel, (which before were both exiled) returning out of France to Calice, came into England challenging the Dukedome of Lancaster, after the death of hys father. with them also came the sonne and heyre of the Earle of Arundell, being yet but yong. These together setting out of Calice, arrived at Raucenspur in the North. At the knowledge whercof, much people gathered vnto them.

In this meane time, as the Duke was houering on y sea to enter the land: L. Edmund Duke of York the kings Uncle to whome the king committed the custodie of this realm (having intelligence thereof) called to him the By- shop of Litchester named Edmund Stafford Chauncelloz of the Realme, and W. Scroupe Earle of Wiltshyre Lorde Treasurer, also J. Bullshy w. Bagot, Henry Greene, and John Kuschell, with diuers other, consulting with them what was best in that case to be done, who then gaue their aduise (whether they wold or vnkilfull, it is not knowne, but very vnfruitfull) that he shold leaue London, and go to S. Albons, there to wayt for more strength able to encounter with the Duke. But as the people out of diuers quarters resorted thither, many of them protested that they woulde do nothing to the harime and preiudice of the Duke of Lan- caster, who they sayd was vniustly expelled. The rest then of the counsaile, J. Bullshy, w. Bagot, Henry Greene, w. Scroupe Treasurer, hearing and vnderstanding how the commons were minded to ioyne with the Duke of Ber- ford, left the Duke of York, and the lord Chauncelloz, and fled to the Castell of Bissow, wher there is to be vnderstand that these foure were they to whome the common fame ran that the king had let out hys realme to ferme: and were so hated of the people, that it is to be thought, that for the ha- tred of them more then for the king, this conuocation was among the people.

As this hople was in England, the nople therof sound- ing to the kinges eares, being then in Ireland, for halfe speed of returning into England, left in Ireland both his busines, and most of hys ordinance also behinde hym. And

so passing the seas, land'd at Gylforde hauen, not darvng as it seemed to come to London.

On the contrary side, vnto Henry Duke of Berforde, being landed as is sayd, in the North, came the Earle of Northumberland: Lord Henry Percy, and Henry his son the Earle of Westmerland, Lord Radulph Beuile, and o- ther Lordes mos to a great number, so that the multitude rose to 60000. able souldiours. who first making towarde the Castle of Bissow, tooke the foze layd Busshey, Grene Scroupe, and Bagot: of whom thre incontinent were be- headed, Bagot escaped away and fled away to Ireland.

The king in this meane while, lying about wailes, de- stitute and desolate without comfort or counsaile, who nei- ther durst come to London, neyther would any man come to him, and perceauing moreover, the commons that were vp in such a great power agaynst hym, would rather dye, then geue ouer that they had beguine, for feare of them- selues: Seing therfore no other remedy, called to him L. W. Percy Earle of Westester, and steward of hys house- hold, willing him with other of hys family, to provide for themselves in tyme, who then openly in the hall brake his white rod before them all, commaunding euery man to shift for himselfe. Although Fabian and some other say, that he did this of hys owne accord, contrary to his allegiance. The king compassed on euery side with miseries, shifted from place to place, the Duke still following him, vntill at length being at the Castle of Conewey, the king desired to talk with Tho. Arundell archb. and the Earle of North- berland: To whom he declared, that he woulde resigne y by hys crowne, in condition that an honourable liuing might be for hym provided, and life promised to 8. persons, such as he wold name, which being graunted and ratified, but not perfozmed, he came to the Castle of Flint, wher (after talke had with y Duke of Lancaster) he was brought the same night by the Duke and his armye to Chester: And from thence was conueyed secretly into the Tower, there to be kept till the next parliament. By the way as he came neare to London, diuers euil disposed men of the ci- ty being warned thereof, gathered themselves, thinking to haue slayne hym, for the great cruelty he had vsed before toward the Citie. But by the policies of the Mayor and rulers of the Citie, the madnes of the people was stayd. Northlong after followed the Duke, and also began y par- liament. In which Parliament, the Earle of North- umberland with many other Earles and Lords were sent to the king in the Tower, to take of him a full resignation ac- cording to hys former promise, and so they did. This done diuers accusations and articles were layd and engrossed agaynst the sayd King, to the number of 33. some lay 38. which for the matter not greatly materiall in them contain- ed, flowerpasse. And y next yere after was had to Dom- fter Castle, and there famished to death.

K. Richard for-
saken of
his subiects.

What it is
for a prince
to be belo-
ued of his
subiectes.

K. Richard
agreed to
resigne his
crowne.

The kyng
committed to
the To-
wer.

Earle of Noting-
ham made
duke of
Northfolke.

The duke of
Northfolke, and
duke of Here-
ford banished.

Tho. Arundell
banished as a
traitor, by
parliament.

{ Ann. }
{ 1399. }

What euil com-
pany doth about
a kyng.
K. Richard re-
turneth from
Ireland to Mil-
ford hauen.

King Henry the fourth.

And thus King Richard by common assent be- ing deposed from his rightfull crowne: The Duke of Lancaster was led by Thomas Arundell the Archbishop, to the seat royall: who there standing vp, and crossed himselfe on the fozehead and the brest, spake in wordes as followeth.

In the name of God, Amen. I Henry of Lancaster, clayne the Realme of England and the crowne, with all the appurtenances as I that am descended by right lyne of the bloud comming from that good Lord King Henry the 3. And thorough the right that God of his grace hath sent to me with the helpe of my kinne and of my frendes to recouer the same, which was in poynt to be vndone for default of good gouernance and due iustice, &c.

After which wordes, the Archbishop asking the as- sent of the people, being ioyfull of theyr new king: took the Duke by the had, & placed him in the kingly throne, which was an. 1399, and shortly after by the foze layd Archbisshop he was crowned also for king of England. Ex Chron. De Alban.

The next yere after, followed a Parliament holden at Westminster, in which Parliament, one Will. Sautre, a good man and a faythfull priest, inflamed with zeale of true Religion, required he might be heard for the commo- ditye of the whole realme. But the matter being smelt be- fore by the Bysshops, they obtayned that the matter shoulde be referred to the conuocation: wher the sayd William Sautre being brought before the Bysshops and A. c. aries thereunto appointed, the conuocation was deferred to the Saturday next ensuing.

The wordes
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crowne.

K. Henry 4.
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ned,
{ Anno. }
{ 1400. }

W. Sautre
Martyr.

W. Sautre
brought be-
fore the by-
shops in the
conuocation
when