

Determination of the Church to be followed as it is joynted to the will of God.

the aulter, after the wordes of consecration, being rightly pronounced of the Priest, the same bread which before in nature was bread, ceaseth any more to be bread. To this interrogation, the sayd sir william sayd: that he woulde stand to the determination of the church, where such determination was not contrary to the will of God.

¶ His done: he demaunded of him agayne, what hys iudgement was concerning the Sacrament of the aulter: who sayd and affirmed, that after the wordes of consecration by the priest duly pronounced, remayned very bread and the same bread which was before the wordes spoken. And this examination about the sacrament, lasted from 8. of the clocke of the same day, vntill a 11. of the clocke of there aboutes: in so much, that during all this time, the foresayd w. would no otherwile answer: neyther yet touching the same sacrament, receaue catholicke information, according to the institution of the popes Church and his Christen sayth wherefore, the sayd Cant. by the counsaile and assent of his whole couent then and there present: did promulgate and geue sentence by the mouth of Robert Hall, agaynst the same Syr William Sautre (being personally present, and refusing to renoue hys heresies, that is to say his true doctrine, but constantly defending the same) vnder the renouir of wordes as followeth,

The sentence against W. Sautre.

IN the name of God amen. We Thomas by the grace of GOD Archbishop of Caunterbury, primate of England and Legate of the sea Apofollically, by the authoritie of God almighty and blessed sainct Peter and Paule, and of holy Church, and by our owne authoritie sitting for tribunal or chiefe iudge, hauing God alone before your eyes: by the counsel and consent of the whole clergy our fellow brethren, and suffraganes assisantes vnto vs in this present counsell prouinciall, by this our sentence diffinitiu, do pronounce, decree and declare by these presents, thee William Sautre otherwise called Chawtrei parish Priest pretended, personally appearing before vs, in and vpon the cryme of heresie iudicially and lawfully conuicte as an hereticke, and as an hereticke to be punished.

Which sentence diffinitiu being thus read: the foresaid Archb. of Cant. continued in the same prouinciall consaile till wednesday next, and immediately ensuing, to wit the 24. day of the same month of February: which being expired, the bishop of Norwich, according to the commaundment of the said archb. of Cant. presented vnto the foresaid william Sautre by a certayne friend of hys, being present at the same council, a certayne proccesse inclosed and sealed with his seal, geuing y names of credible witnesses sealed with their seales: The tenour whereof followeth in this wise.

A certaine proccesse against W. Sautre presented by the Bish. of Norwiche.

Memorandum, that vpon the last day of Aprill, in the yeare of our Lord. 1399. in the 7. indiction and 10. yeare of the papacie of Pope Boniface the 2. In a certayne chamber within the maner house of the sayd Bish. of Norwich, at South Deringham (where the register of the sayd Bishop is kept) before the houre of 9. in a certayne chappell within the sayd manour situate, and the 1. day of May, then next and immediately ensuing in the foresayd chamber, syz vii. Chawtreis, parish priest of the church of S. Margaret in the towne of Linne, appeared before the Bishop of Norwich, in the presence of John de Derington, Archdeacon of Norwich, doctor of the decrees, Frior Walter Dille, and John Rixinghall professors in diuinitie, william Carlton, doctor of both lawes, and w. Frisiby, thuge Whidham, publike Notaryes: and there publicly affirmed and held, the conclusions, as before is specified.

All and singular the premisses the foresayde william affirmed vpon mature deliberation. And afterwarde to wit the 19. day of May in the yeare, Indiction, and papacy aforesayd, in the chappell within the manour house of the said Henry Bishop of Norwich, situate at South Deringham: The foresayd sir william, renouked and renounced all and singular the foresayd hys conclusions: abiuiring and correcting all such heresies and errors, taking hys oath vpon a booke before the foresayd Henry the Bishop of Norwich, that from that time forwarde he would neuer preach, affirme, nor holde, priuily nor apertly the foresayd conclusions. And that he woulde pronounce according to the appointment of the sayd Bishop, the foresayd conclusions to be erroneous and heresies, in the parish Churches of Linne and Tilney and in other places & at the assignement of the sayd Bishop, and farther sware, that he woulde stand to the ordinaunce of the sayd Bishop, touching the premisses, in the presence of the discrete and worshipfull men afoze recited with diuers others moe.

As concerning the first conclusion that he sayd he wold not worship the Crosse &c. he confessed himselfe to haue er-

red and that the article was erroneous and submitted himselfe. Also as touching the second article, that he sayde he would rather worship a king &c. he confessed himselfe to haue erred and the article to be erroneous and submitted himselfe, and to toth of all the rest.

¶ Then next after this, vpon the 25. day of May in the yeare of our Lord aforesayd, in the Churchyard of the chappell of S. James within the towne of Linne The foresayd william, in presence of the foresayd Bishop and clergy and the people of the sayd Towne of Linne standing round about: publicly declared in English tongue, the foresayd conclusions to be erroneous and heresies, as was contayned in a certayne scrole. And after this, the 26. day of May in the yeare aforesayd, in the Church of the Hospital of S. Johns in the towne of Linne: The sayd Syr William, before the sayd Bishop sitting as iudge, sware & tooke his othe vpon the holy Euangelistes that he would neuer after that time preach openly & publicly the foresayd conclusions, nor would heare the confessions of anye of the subiectes of his Dioces of Norwich, without the speciall licence of the sayd Bishop, &c. In y presence of friser John Smermen, w. John Rixinghaic, Doctor of Divinitie, w. Carlton Doctor of both lawes, and Thomas Wulston officer of the libertie of Linne aforesayd with diuers others,

¶ The tenour of the scrole and recantation.

I Pranis, touching the first and second, where I sayd, that I woulde adoze rather a tempozall Prince, and the liuely bodyes of the sayntes then the wooden croile, wher upon the Loyd did hang, I do renoue and recant the same as being therein deceaued.

To this I say, that the article is false and erroneous, and by false information, I held it, the whiche I renounce and alke forgiuenes thereof, and say that it is a precious relique, and that I shall holde it while I liue, and that I sware here.

I know wel that I erred wozdfully, by false information: for I wor well, that a deacon or a priest is moze bound to say his Martins and Hours, then to preach, for thereto he is bounden by right, wherefore I submit me &c.

Touching that article, I know right well that I erred by false information, wherefore I alke forgiuenes.

As concerning bowes, I say, that opinion is false and erroneous, and by false information I held it, for a man is holden to hold his bowe &c.

To the 7. article I say, that I did it, by authoritie of Ihesushoode, where through I knowlege well that I haue gilt and trespassed, wherefore I submit me to god and to holy Church, and to you father, swearing that I shall neuer hold it moze.

The 8. I say, that I held it by false and wozonge information. But now I know well that it is heretic, and that bread anone as the word of the sacrament is sayde, is no longer bread materiall, but that it is turned into verve Chyistes body and that I sware here.

I say that this is false and erroneous, &c. I say as I sayd, &c.

This being done, the 22. day of February aforesayd in the yeare of our Lord 1400. in the chappell house of Saint Paulie in London aforesayd: The foresayd Archbishop of Caunterbury, in the conuocation of hys prelates & Clergy and such lyke men there being present, caused the foze recited proces of the bishop of Norwich to be read openly & publicly to Syr vii. Sautre otherwise called Chawtreis. And afterwarde, he asked the sayd syr william, whether he playnely vnderstood and knew such proces & the contents within the same, and he sayd yea. And further he demaunded of him, if he would or could say or object any thing agaynst the proces, and he sayd no. And after that incontinent, the foresayd archbishop of Caunterbury demaunded and objected agaynst the said syr william as diuers others moze did: That after he had before the Bish. of Norwich renouked and abiured iudicially diuers errors & heresies, that among other errorres, and heresies by him taught, holden, and preached he affirmed: That in the same sacrament of the aulter after the consecration made by y Priest as he taught, there remayned materiall bread: which heresie amongst others as errorres also he abiured before the foresayd Bishop of Norwich. Hereunto the foresayd william answered smiling or in mocking wise, laying, and denying that he knew of the premisses. Norwich standing he publicly affirmed that he held and taught the foresayd thinges after the date of the sayd proccesse made by the sayd Bishop of Norwich, and that in the same council also he held

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