

held the same. Then finally, it was demanded of the said Sir William, why he ought not to be pronounced as a man fallen into heretic, and further to proceede vnto his degradation, according to the canonick sanctions: whereunto he answered nothing, neither could he alledge any cause to the contrary.

Whereupon, the foresayd Archb. of Cant. by the counsaile and consent of the whole councel, and especially by the counsaile and assent of the reuered fathers and Bishops, as also, Bishops, Deanes, Archdeacons, and other worshipfull Doctours and Clerkes then and there present in the councel: fully determined to proceede to the degradation, and actuall deposing of the sayde William Sawtre, as re-fallen into heresy, and as incorrigible, according to the sentence definitiue put in wryting, the tenoure whereof is in wordes as foloweth.

In the name of God Amen: Wee Thomas by the grace of God Archb. of Cant. Legate of the sea Apostolicall and Metropolitan of all England: doe finde and declare, that thou William Sawtrie, otherwile called Chattris Priest, by vs with the counsaile & assent of all and singular our felowe brethren and whole Clergy, by this our sentence diffinitive declared in wryting, hast bene for heretic conuict and condemned, and art (being againe fallen into heresy) to be deposed and degraded, by these presents.

And from that day being wednesday, there was in the sayde councell prouinciall nothing further prosecuted, but was continued with all dependences, till the Friday next ensuing, whych Friday appoaching, W. Nicholas Bishop, by the commandement of the sayd Archb. of Canterb. being then busied as he said in the Parliament house: continued this councel and conuocation with all incidents, dependences, and occasions, growing and annexed thereunto, to the next day, to wit saterday next and immediatly after ensuing. Upon Saterday being the 26. of the sayd moneth of February, the foresayde Archbishop of Canterbury satc in the Byshops seate of the foresayde Church of S. Iuaile in London, and solemnly apparelled in his Pontifical attire, sitting id hym as his assistants these reuerend fathers and Bishops, of London, Lyncolne, Warford, Exeter, Me-neuensis & Rosenfis Episcopi, about mentioned: commaunded and caused the sayd Sir W. Sawtre apparelled in priestly vestiments, to be brought & appeare before hym. That done, he declared and expounded in English to all the clergy and people there, in a great multitude assembled: that al proccesse was finished and ended against the said Sir William Sawtre, whych thing finished, before the pronouncing of the sayd sentence of the Relapce against the sayd Sir William as is premised, he often then and there recited & read. And for that he sawe the sayde William in that behalfe, nothyng abashed: He proceeded to his degradation and actual deposition in forme as foloweth.

IN nomine patris & filij & spiritus sancti. Amen. Wee Thomas by Gods permission Archb. of Cant. Primate of all England, and Legate of the Apostolique sea: doe denounce thee William Sawtre otherwile called Chattris, Chapleine sained, in the habite and apparell of a Priest, as an hereticke and one re-fallen into heresy by thys our sentence definitiue, by counsaile, assent, and authority, to be condemned: And by conclusion of all our fellowe brethren, fellowe byshops, Brelates, councell prouinciall, and of the whole clergy: do degrade and depriue thee of thy priestly order. And in signe of degradation and actual deposition from thy priestly dignity, for thine incorrigibility and want of amendment: we take from thee the patent and chalice, and doe depriue thee of all power & authority of celebrating masse: and also wee pull from thy backe, the Casule, and take from thee the vestiment, and depriue thee of all manner of Priestly honour.

Also, wee Thomas the foresayde Archb. by authority, counsell, and assent, which vpon the foresayd William wee haue, being Deacon pretended, in the habite and apparell of a Deacon, hauing the new Testament in thy hands, being an hereticke and twise fallen, condemned by sentence as is aforesayde: doe degrade and put thee from the order of a Deacon. And in token of this thy degradation and actual deposition we take fro thee the booke of the new testament, & the stole, and doe depriue thee of all authority in reading the gospel, and of all and all manner of dignity of a Deacon.

Item, wee Thomas Archb. aforesayd, by authority, counsell, and assent, which ouer thee the foresayde William wee haue, being a subdeacon pretended: in the habite & vestiment of a subdeacon, an hereticke, and twise fallen, condemned by sentence as is aforesayd: do degrade & put thee from the order of a subdeacon. And in token of this thy degradation & actual deposition, we take from thee the abe

and maniple, and doe depriue thee of all and all manner of subdiaconall dignitie.

Also, wee Thomas, Archb. aforesayd, by counsaile, assent and authority whych wee haue ouer thee the foresayde William, an Accolite pretended, wearing the habite of an Accolite, and hereticke, twise fallen, by our sentence as is aforesaid condemned: do degrade and put from thee al order of an Accolite: And in signe and toke of thys thy degradation, and actual deposition, we take from thee the candle-sticke and taper, and also Vreolum, and doe depriue thee of all and all manner dignity of an Accolite.

Also, wee Thomas Archb. aforesayd by assent, counsell, and authority whych vpon thee the foresayd William wee haue, an Exorcist pretended, in the habite of an Exorcist or holy water clarke, being an hereticke, twise fallen, and by our sentence as is aforesayd condemned, we doe degrade & depose thee from the order of an Exorcist: and in token of thys thy degradation and actual deposition, we take from thee the booke of conuurations, and doe depriue thee of all and singular dignity of an Exorcist.

Also, wee Thomas Archb. aforesayd, by assent, counsaile, and authority, as is aboue sayd, doe degrade & depose thee the foresayde William, reader pretended, clothed in the habit of a reader, an hereticke, twise fallen, and by our sentence as is aforesayd, condemned: from the order of a reader. And in token of this thy degradation and actual deposition, we take from thee the booke of the deuine lections (that is the booke of the Church legende) and doe depriue thee of all and singular maner of dignity of such a reader.

Item, wee Thomas Archbishop of Canterbury aforesayd, by authority, counsaile, and assent, the which we haue as is aforesaid, do degrade and put thee the foresayd William Sawtre, sexten pretended, in the habite of a sexten, and wearing a surplice, being an hereticke, twise fallen, by our sentence diffinitive condemned, as aforesaid: from the order of a Sexten. And in token of thys thy degradation and actual deposition, for the causes aforesayd, we take from thee the keyes of the Church doore, and thy surplice, and doe depriue thee of all and singular maner of comodities of a doore keeper.

And also, by the authority of omnipotent God the father, the sonne, and holy ghost, and by our authority, counsaile, & assent of our whole councell prouinciall aboue writen, we do degrade thee and depose thee being here personally present before vs, from orders, benefices, priuilegies and habite in the church, and for thy pertinacie incorrigible we doe disgrace thee, before the secular Court of the hygh Constable and marshal of England, here being personally present, and do depose thee from all and singular clerke-ly honours and dignities whatsoever, by these wrytings. Also in token of thy degradation and deposition, here actually wee haue caused thy crowne and ecclesiasticall consurre in our presence to be raised away, & vtterly to be abolished, lyke vnto the forme of a secular lay man: and here doe put vpon the head, of thee the foresayd William, the cap of a lay secular person: beseeching the court aforesaid, that they will receaue fauourably the sayde William vnto them thus re-committed.

Thus William Sawtre the seruant of Christ, being vtterly thrust out of the Popes kingdome, and metamorphosed from a clerke to a secular lay man, was committed (as ye haue heard) vnto the secular power, which fo done, the Byshops yet not herewith contented, cease not to call vpo the king, to cause him to be brought forth to speedy execution, whereupon the king, ready mough and to much to gratify the cleargy, and to retaine their fauours, directeth out a terrible decree against the said William Sawtre, and sent it to the Maior and Sheriffes of London to be put in execution, the tenour wherof here vnder enucth,

¶ The decree of the king against William Sawtre.

THE decree of our soueraigne Lord the king & his counsell in the Parliament, against a certaine new sprong by hereticke. To the Maior & Sheriffs of London, &c. where as the reuerend father Thomas Archbishop of Canterbury, primate of all England, and Legate of the Apostolique sea, by the assent, consent, & council of other byshops, and his brethren Suffraganes, and also of all the whole Clergy within his prouince or dioces, gathered together in his prouinciall counsell, the due order of the law being obserued in al poynts in this behalfe: hath pronounced and declared by his definitiue sentence, W. Sawtre sometime chaplain, to be fallen again into his most danable heresy, the which before time the sayde W. had abured, thereupon to be a most manifest hereticke, and therefore hath decreed, that he should

Sentence of relapce,

Sentence of degradation,

The patēt and chalice take fro him.

The booke of a new Testamēt taken fro him.

The Abye taken from him.

The candlesticke & taper taken from hym.

The holy water bucke coat taken from him.

He meaneth the legend booke, as saith the Kegister.

The Surplice taken from him.

The church doore keyes taken from him.

Priuilege of the clergie taken from him.

The priestes cap taken from his head, maketh vp all in all.

The cruell decree of the king agaynst Sawtre.