

The Bishops
make lute work.
The Archb.
both Judge and
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As iterunt reges
terre & princi-
pes concurrent
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be put in a certaine chamber of safe house within the Mansion of the Fryer preachers, and so he was: and then the Archbishop of Canterbury sayd, that he himselfe would kepe the key thereof, in the meane tyme. And when the foresayd Wednesday was expired, being the 17. day of March, and that the foresayd Archbishop of Canterbury, with hys fellow byether: and Suffraganes were assembled in the Church of S. Paule in Louesn: The Archbishop, of Canterbury taking the Episcopall seate, called vnto him the Archbishop of Yorke, Richard London, Henry Winchester, Robert Chichester, Alexander Norwich, & the noble prince Edmond the Duke of Yorke, Raie Earle of Westmerland, Thomas Beaufort Knight Lord Chancelour of England, and the Lord Beamount with other noble men as well spirituall as temporall, that stood and late by, whome to name it would be long: Before whome the said John Badby was called personallie to answer vnto the Articles penciled in the foresayd instrument, who when he came personallie before them, the articles were read by the Officiall of the court of Cant. and by the Archb. (in the vulgar tongue) expounded, publicly and expelly: and the same Articles, as he before had spoken and depoid, he still held and defended, and said, that whilest he liued, he would neuer retract the same. And furthermore he said specially to be noted, that the Lord duke of Yorke personallie there present as is aforesaid, and euery man els for the tyme being: is of more estimation and reputation, then the Sacrament of the altier, by the prick in due forme consecrated. And whilest they were thus in his examination, the Archbishop considering and waying that he would in no wise be altered, and seeing moreover his countenance stout and hart confirmed, so that he began to persnade other as it appeared in the same: These things considered, the Archprioste who he saw that by his allurements it was not in his power, neither by exhortations, reasons, nor arguments, to bring the said John Badbye from his constant truth to his Catholic faith (execrating and doing the office of his great maister) proceeded to confirme and ratifie the former sentence giuen before by the Bishop of Worcester against the said John Badby, pronouncing him for an open and publike hereticke: And thus shifting their hands of him, they deliuered him to the secular power: and deliuered the sayd temporall Lords, then and there present verie instantlie, that they would not put the same John Badby to death for that his offence, nor deliuer him to be punished or put to death, in y^e presence of all the Lords aboute recited.

These things thus done and concluded by the Bishops in the forenoon: on the afternoone, the Kings write was

not far behind. By the force whereof, J. Badby still persevering in his constance vnto the death, was brought into Smithfield, and there being put in an empiric barrill, was bound with iron chaines fastened to a stake, hauing vnto wood put about him.

And as he was thus standing in the pipe or tonne (for as yet Cherillus Dull was not in use among the bishops) it happened that the Prince the Kings eldest sonne, was there present, who shewing some part of the good Samaritane, began to endeavour and assay how to saue the life of him, whome the hypocritical Leuites and Phariseis sought to put to death. He admonished and countailed him, that hauing respect vnto himselfe, he should spede ite withdraw himselfe out of these dangerous Laberinth of opinions, adding oftentimes threatings, the which might haue daunted any mans stomach. Alfo Countiecy at that tyme Chancellor of Oxford, preached vnto him, and enformed him of the faith of holie Church.

In this meane season, the Pryor of S. Bartlemewes in Smithfield, brought with all solemnitie the Sacrament of Gods body, with twelue torches borne before, and so thewed the Sacrament to the poore man being at the stake. And then they demanded of him how he beleieued in it, he answering: that he knew well it was halowed bread, and not gods body. And then was the turne put ouer him, and fire put vnto him. And when he felt fire, he cried, mercie (calling belike vpon the Lord) and so the Prince immediatlie commanded to take away the turme, and quench the fire. The Prince his commandment being done, asked him if he would forsake heretic to take him to the faith of holie Church: which thing if he would do, he should haue goods inough, promising also vnto him a yearlie stipend out of the Kings treasurie, so much as should suffice his contentation.

But this valiant champion of Christ, neglecting the princes faire words, as also contemning all mens deuises: refused the offer of worldly promises, no doubt, but being more vehemently inflamed with y^e Spirit of God then with any earthly desire. wherefore, when as yet he continued unmoueable in his former mind, the prince commanded him straight to be put again into the pipe or tonne, and that he should not afterward looke for any grace or fauour. But as he could be allured by no rewards, and to was he nothing at all abashed at their torment, but as a valiant champion of Christ, he persevered inuincible to y^e end. Nor without a great and most cruell battayle, but with much more greater triumph of victorie: the spirit of Christ hauing alwaies the upper hand in his members, maugre the furie,

The prince laboureth to turne Badby.

The sacrament solemnly brought to Smithfield at the burning of Badbye.

John Badby constant to the end.

Note here murdering wolues in sheepes cloathing.

The description of the horrible burning of Iohn Badby, and how he was vfed at hys death.



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