

amongst many other thinges he answered plainly, that he would make no other declaration or answer therunto the was conceyned in the sayd Schedule. wherupon we fauouring the sayd sir Iohn, with benigne & gentle meanes we spake vnto him in this manner. Sir Iohn take heed, for if you do not playnly answer to these things, which are objected agaynst you within a lawfull time now graunted you by the Iudges, we may declare you to be an hereticke, but the said sir Iohn persecuted as before, and would make no other answer. Consequently notwithstanding, we together with our sayd ielow brethren and others of our counsell took aduice, and by their counsell declared vnto the said sir Iohn Oldcastle, that the sayd holy Church of Rome in this matter following the saying of blessed S. Augustine Jerome, Ambrose and other holy men, hath determined, & which determinations euery catholicke ought to obserue. wherupon the said sir Iohn answered, & he would beleue and obserue whatsoeuer the holy Church determined, and whatsoeuer god would he should obserue and beleue. But that he would in no case affirme that our Lord the Pope, cardinals, Archbishops, and Bishops or other prelates of the church haue any power to determine any such matters. wherunto, we yet fauouring him, vnder hope of better aduancement promised the sayd sir Iohn: that we would geue him in writing certaine determinations vpon the matter aforesaid, wherunto he should more plainly answer, written in latin, and for his better vnderstanding translated into English: wherupon, we commaunded and hartily desired him that agaynst monday next following, he should geue a playne & full answer, the which determinations we caused to be translated the same day & to be deliuered vnto him the sonday next following. The tenor of which determinations here follow in this maner.

The sayth and determination of the holy Church vpon the holy Sacrament of the altar is this. That after the consecration done in the masse by the priest, the material bread shall be changed into the materiall bodye of Christ, & the materiall wine into the materiall bloud of Christ. & therefore after the consecration there remaineth no more any substance of bread and wine, which was theret before. What doe you answer to this article?

Also the holy church hath determined that euery christi- an dwelling vpon earth ought to confesse his sinnes vnto a priest ordeined by the Church, if he may come vnto hym. How thinke you by this article?

Christ ordeined S. Peter his Vicare in earth, whose seat is in the Church of Rome, geuing and graunting the same authority whiche he gaue vnto Peter also to his successors which are now called Popes of Rome, in whose power it is to ordeine and institute prelates in particulare churches. As Archbishops, bishops, curates, and other ecclesiastical orders, vnto whom the Christian people ought obedience according to the traditiō of the church of Rome. This is the determination of the holy church. What thinke you by this article?

Besides this the holy Church hath determined, that it is necessary for euery christian to go on pilgrimage to holy places, & there specially to worship the holy reliques of the Apostles, Martyrs confessors, & all sayntes, whoeoeuer the church of Rome hath allowed. What thinke you of this article?

Vpon which monday being the 25. day of the sayd month of September before vs and our ielow brethren aforesaid, hauing also take vnto vs our reuerend brother, Benedict by the grace of God, Bishop of Bangor, & by our commaundement our counsellers and ministers, Master Henry were officiall of our court of Cant. Philip Morgan D. of both lawes, Howell Biffin Doctor of the decreets, Iohn Kempe and William Carlton Doctors of law, Iohn Witua Thomas Dalmer, Rob. wombewell, Iohn withe and Robert Chamberlayne, Richard Worington & Thomas Walden professors of diuinity. Also James Cole, & J. Stevens our notaries appointed on this behalf. They all and euery one being sworne vpon the holy gospell of god laying their handes vpon the booke that they shoulde geue their saythfull counsell in, and vpon the maner aforesayde, and in euery such cause and to the whole world. By and by appeared sir Robert Morley Knight, Lieutenant of the Tower of London, and brought with him the foresayde Syr J. Oldcastle setting him before vs. Vnto whom we gentile and familiarly rehearsed the actes of the day before passed. And as before we tolde him that he both is and was excommunicate, requiring and entreating him that he would desyre and recieve in due forme the absolution of the Church. Vnto whom the said Syr Iohn then and there plainly answered, that in this behalfe he would require no absolution at our handes but onely of God. Then after ward by gen-

tle and lost meanes we desired and required him to make playne answer vnto the articles which were laid agauist him. And first of al, as touching the Sacrament of the altar. To the which article, besides other thinges he answered and sayd thus: That as Christ being here in earth had in him both Godhead & manhode. Forwithstanding the Godhead was couered and inuisible vnder the humanity, the which was manitfe and visible in him: so likewise in the sacrament of the altar there is the very body and very bread, bread which we do see, the body of Christ hidden vnder the same which we do not see. And playnly denyed, that the sayth as touching the said Sacrament determined by the Romish church and holy doctors and sent vnto him by vs in the sayd Schedule, to be the determination of the holy Church. But if it be the determination of the Church he sayd that it was done contrary vnto the scriptures, after the church was endowed, and that poison was poured into the Church and not afoze. Also as touching the Sacrament of penance and confession, he playnly sayd and affirmed the and theret that if any man were in any greuous sinne, out of the which he knew not how to rife, it were expedient and good for him to go vnto some holy and discreet priest to take counsell of him. But that he shoulde confesse his sinne to any proper priest, or to any other although he might haue the vic of him, it is not necessary to saluation, for so much as by only contrition such sinne can be wiped away, & the sinner humicke purged. As concerning the worshipping of the crosse, he sayd and affirmed that the only body of Christ which did hange vpon the crosse is to be worshipped. For so much as that body alone was & is the crosse, which is to be worshipped.

And being demanded what honoz he would do vnto the Image of the crosse. He answered by expresse wordes that he would only do it that honoz that he would make it clean and lay it vp safe. As touching the power and authority of the keyes, the Archbishops, Bishop, and other prelates, he sayde that the Pope is very Antichrist, that is the head: the Archbishops, Bishops and other prelates to be his members, and the friers to be his tayle. The which Pope, Archbishops and bishops a man ought not to obey, but so far forth as they be followers of Christ & of Peter, in their life, maners & conuersation, and that he is the successor of Peter, whiche is best and purest in life & maners. Furthermore, he said sir Iohn spreading his handes with a loude voyce, sayd thus to those whiche stode about hym. These men which iudge and will condemn me, wil seduce you all & themselves, and wil lead you vnto hell, therfore take heed of them. when he had spoken those wordes, we agayne as ofentines before with lamentable countenance, spake vnto the said sir Iohn, exhorting him with gentle wordes as we might that he would returne to the vnitie of the church, to beleue & hold that which the church of Rome doth beleue & hold. who expressly answered that he would not beleue or hold other wise then he had before declared. wherfore, we perceiving as it appeared by hym that we could not preuaile: at the last with bitterness of hart, we proceeded to the pronouncing of a definitiue sentence in this maner.

In the name of God Amen: We Thom. by the permission of God Archb and humble minister of the holy Church of Cant. primate of all England, and Legate of the Apostolike see, in a certayne cause or matter of herely vpon certaine articles, wherupon sir Iohn Oldcastle knight, Lord Cobham, before vs in the last conuocation of our Clergy of our prouince of Caunterbury holden in the Church of S. Paul in London after diligēt inquisition therupon made, was detected & accused, & by our said prouince notoriously and openly defamed. At the request of the whole Clergy aforesayd therupon made vnto vs in the said conuocation: with all fauour possible that we might (God we take to witnes) lawfully proceeding agaynst him, following the footsteps and example of Christ which woulde not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be conuerted and liue, we haue endeouored by all wayes and meanes we might: or could to reforme him, and rather reduce him to the vnitie of the church: declaring vnto him what the holy vniuersall Church of Rome doth teach, hold and determine in this behalfe. And albeit that we founde him wandring astraye from the Catholicke sayth, and so stubberne and stiffnecked that he would not confesse his error or cleare himselfe thereof, to detest the same: Notwithstanding we fauouring him with a fatherly affection, and hartily wishing and desiring his preferuation, prefixed him a certayne competent time to deliberate with himself, and if he would to repent and reforme himselfe. And last of all, for so much as we perceiued him to be vnreasonable: obseruing chiefly those thinges whiche by the lawe are required in this behalfe, with great forow and bitterness of hart, we proceeded to the pronouncing of the definitiue sentence in this maner.

Here is no mention made of the worde of God.

Wolues clothed in sheeps skins.

The summe of the popish beliefe.

Confession.

The Popes iupremacy.

Pilgrimage.

Conueniunt in vni aduersus dominum & Christum eius. Psal. 122.

The sacrament both body and bread in diuers respects.

How confession is to be allowed.

What honour is to be done to the crosse.

The pope is Antichrist, the Bishops are his members, and fryers his tayle.

The bolde talke of the L. Cobham.

They cal themselves humble which rule ouer kinges, and exercise the tyranny of the world.

Following christes footsteps cleane contrary.

The vniuersall church meaning by a figure the part for the whole.