

often present at his Sermons, and diuers of his collations which he hath made vpon diuers places of the Scripture, and I neuer found or perceiued in him any error or heresie, but in all his words and deedes I haue found him alwaies a true and a Catholike man, neither haue I found any thing that doth fauour of any error or heresie.

Againe, the said maister John his procurer, in the behalfe as aboue, required and asked the said Lord Nicholas Byshop and inquisitour, whether any man haue accused the said maister John Hus of any heresie before him, being inquisitour for heresie, and hath conuicted him of heresie. He answered, that since the time he knew John Hus, and that he was made inquisitour for heresie in the Citie and diocese of Prage (as is afore said) neuer any man accused, either conuicted the said maister John Hus of any heresie before him vnto this present time. Adding moreover, that he the said maister John Hus did openly set vp his letters patents this present yeare afore said, in the said moneth of August, vpon the porches of the Cathedral Church of Prage, and other Collegiate and parish Churches of the Citie of Prage, and vpon the gates of our saide Lord, our Lord the King, and the Archbyshop of Prage, containing in them this effect, how that he would appeare before Conrade Archbishop of Prage, and all the Prelates and Cleargy of the kingdom of Boheme, which should be congregated and called together at a certaine day of the moneth afore said, ready alwaies to satisfie all men as touching the faith and hope which he helde, and to see and heare all and singuler that would laye anye obstinacie of error or heresie vnto him, that they should determine themselues there, to suffer the like punishment, according to the extremitie both of Gods lawe and mans lawe, vnto whome altogether he would answer in his owne right before the saide Archbishop of Prage, and the sayd Lord Nicholas, Bishop and inquisitour afore said, and the Prelates, euen in the next generall Councell of Constance, and there according vnto the Canons and decrees of the holy Fathers, declare and shewe forth his vprightnes and innocencie, vpon all and singuler, which proceedings, maister John de Iesenitz procurer, and in the procurours name or behalfe as afore, required and desired, that he might haue one or many publique instruments made vnto him by me the publique Notary heere vnder written. These things were done the yeare, indiction, day, monthe, houre, place, and byshopricke, as is afore said, in the presence of these noble and famous men, the Lords William de Zwirgelitz, Baron of the Kingdome of Boheme, Peter his sonne, the Lord Hlawaczion de Renow, likewise Barron, Wencellaus de Lunarx, Vnsonne de Miekoniz, Burgraue of the Castell of Liechtenburg, Cziborius de Bedanetz Esquier, and William de Dupore Knight of the saide diocese of Prage, with manye other woorthy and credible witnesses, which were specially desired and required vnto the premises. And I Michael, sometimes the sonne of Nicholas de Prachatiz, of the diocese of Prage, and by the Imperiall authoritie, publique Notary, was present, with the witnesses afore named, at the affaires afore said, at the request, demand, answer, and petition, and all and singuler the dooings within written, and did see and heare all these things to be done in foresayd maner and forme. But being busied with other matters, I haue caused this to be faithfully drawne and written, and subscribing the same with mine owne hand, haue published and reduced it into this forme, and haue signed it with my seale and name, accustomed being called and required to beare witness of all and singuler the premises.

After this, as all the Barons of Boheme were assembled in the Abbay of Sainct James, about the assayes of the Realme, where as the Archbyshop of Prage was also present: There the sayde John Hus presented supplications: by the whiche he most humbly desired the Barons, that they would shewe hym thys fauour towards the sayde Archbyshop, that if the sayd Archbyshop did suspect him of any error or heresie, that he would declare it openly, and that he was ready to endure and suffer correction for the same at hys hands. And if that he had founde or perceiued no such thing in hym, that hee would then gyue hym a testimoniall thereof, through the which he being as it were armed, he might the more freely go vnto Constance. The sayde Archbyshop confessed openly before all the assembly of Barons, that he knew not that the sayd John Hus was culpable or faulty in anye crime or offence, and thys was hys onely counsell, that the sayd John Hus should purge himselfe of the excommunication he had incurred: this report, which the Archbyshop had giuen of John Hus, doth appeare by the letters which the Barons of Boheme sent vnto the Emperour Sigismund by the said Hus in the towne of Constance.

Finally, all the Prelates and Cleargie assembled together in the Towne of Prage, in the Archbyshop hys Court, where as appeared personally the worshipfull

maister John Iesenitz, Doctor of decretals and procurer, in the name and behalfe of the honourable man maister John Hus, requiring that either the sayde maister John Hus, or that hee in the name and behalfe of hym, might bee suffered to come into the sayde Archbishops Court, to the presence of the Archbishop, and the Prelates which were there congregated together, for so much as maister John Hus is ready to satisfie all men which shall require hym to shew any reason of his faith or hope, which he holdeth, and to see and heare all and singuler, which were there gathered together, that is to saye, the Lord Archbyshop and Prelates, or any of them, which would lay any manner of obstinacie, or error, or heresie vnto hym, that they should there write in their names, and according both vnto Gods lawe and mans, and the Canon law, prepare themselues to suffer lyke punishment, if they could not lawfully proue any obstinacie of error or heresie against him: vnto whome altogether he would, by Gods helpe, answer before the sayd Archbyshop and the Prelates in the next generall Councell holden at Constance, and stand vnto the law, and according to the Canons and Decretals of the holy Fathers, shewe forth and declare hys innocencie in the name of Christ: vnto the which maister John de Iesenitz Doctor, one called Ulrich Swabe of Swabenitz, Maister of the sayde Archbyshop, comming forth of the sayd Court, did directly deny vnto the sayd maister Doctor and his partie all manner of ingresse and entrance into the Court, and to the presence of the Archbishop afore said, and of the Prelates there gathered together, pretending that the Archbyshop, with the Prelates afore said, were occupied about the Kings affaires, requiring the sayde maister Doctor, that hee would raye in some place without the sayd Court, that when the Archbyshop and the Prelates had finished the Kings affaires, hee might then returne, and haue libertie to come into the Court there. The said maister John Hus, and the Doctor of lawe tarried a while, intraiting to be admitted into the Archbishops Court. But seeing hee couldde praye nothing, he made there a bolemne protestation of hys griefe, that both hee and also maister John Hus and his part, could not be suffered to come into the Archbishops Court, to the presence of the Archbyshop and the Prelates: Requiring of the foresayde Notarie, publique instruments to be made of the same, which also was done.

And these were the things which were done, before John Hus took hys iourney to the generall Councell of Constance, the which I minded briefly to recharle, whereunto I will also annexe somewhat, as touching his iourney thitherwards.

About the Ides of October 1414. John Hus being accompanied with two noble Gentlemen, that is to wit, Brunelac of Duba, and John of Clum, he parted from Prage, and took hys iourney towards Constance. And in euery place as hee passed, he notified hys presence by hys letters which he sent abroad, and especially in euery good towne or cite of name, the tenour whereof enlieth.

The copy of the letters which John Hus set vp in the common places of the Cities which he passed thorough going to the Councell.

Maister John Hus goeth now vnto Constance, there to declare his fayth which he hath hitherto holden, and euen at this present doth hold, and by Gods helpe will defend and keepe euen vnto death. Therefore euen as he hath manifested throughout all the kingdom of Boheme by his letters and intimations, willing before his departure to haue satisfied and giuen an account of his fayth vnto euery man which should object or laye any thing against him in the generall conuocation holden in the Archbishop of Prages Court: So likewise he doth manifest and signifie, that if there be any man in this noble and Imperiall Citie, the which will impute or lay any error or heresie vnto him, that he should prepare himselfe to come vnto the Councell, for so much as the sayd maister John Hus is ready to satisfie euery man at the sayd Councell, which shall lay any thing vnto hys charge as touching his faith.

In all Cities as he passed by, and principally when he was parted out of Boheme, and entred into Almaine, a great number of people did come vnto him, and he was very gently receiued and entertained of hys hostes thorough all the townes of Germany, and specially of the Citizens and burgeises, and oftentimes of the Curates.

Inso much,

John Hus requireth to geue testimony of his faith and could not be admitted.

John Hus taketh his iourney to Constance.

The letters which John Hus serued in cities as he passed to Constance.

How I. Hus was receiued by the way going vp to the counsell.

Conrade the Archb. cleareth John Hus.