

Nurren-
burge.

A Charter-
house inoke
against Iohn
Hus.

Iohn Husses
Hostes nam-
med Iaitch.

The Pope
consenteth to
the safe con-
ducte of
Iohn Hus.

Stanilaus
Znoma Hus-
ses enemy,
going to
Constance,
died by the
way.

Steuen Pal-
letz, Micha-
ell de Causis
cheite enem-
ies to Hus.

A Bull a-
gainst Ladi-
slaus king of
Apulia.

Michaell de
Causis.

The wicked
life of Mich.
de Causis
Husses ene-
mie descri-
bed.

The enemies
of Hus prac-
tise against
him.

Insomuch, as the sayd Hus did confesse in a certayne Es-
pistle, that he founde in no place so great enemies as in
Boheme. And if it happened that there were any bute of
noie before his coming, the streets were alwayes
full of people, which were desirous to see Iohn Husse and
gratifie him: and amongst all other specially at Nurren-
burge, where as certaine Merchants which went be-
fore, certified the Citizens of his coming. In the same
Citie there were many Curates which came unto hym,
desiring that they might talke with him secretly aparte,
vnto whome he answered, that he loued much rather to
pronounce and shew forth his mind and opinion openly
before all men, than in huggermugger, for he would kepe
nothing close nor hidden. So after dinner vntill it was
night, he spake before the Priests and Senatours, and dis-
cusses other Citizens, insomuch that they all had hym in
great estimation and reuerence one onely doctor except,
which was a Charterhouse Monke, and the Curate of
Saint Sebawde, which did inuicoun all that he had said.

The twentieth day after that, he parted out of the towne
of Prague, which was the third day of Nouember, he came
vnto Constance, and lodged at an honest matrons house
being a widow named Faith, in saint Galles Streete.

The morrow after, the Gentleman maister Iohn de
Clum, and maister Henry Larzenboge, went to speake
with the Pope, and certified him, that Iohn Husse was
come, whome they had brought to Constance to the gene-
rall Councell, vnder the Emperour his safe conduct, de-
siring him also that he on his part would graunt the sayd
Iohn Husse libertie to remaine in Constance, without a-
ny trouble, vexation, or interruption: vnto whome, the
Pope answered, that albeit that Iohn Husse had killed his
brother, yet would he go about as much as in him lay,
that no outrage or hurt should be done vnto him, during
his abode in the towne of Constance.

In this meane time, the greatest aduersary that Iohn
Husse had, named maister Steuen Palletz, the which was
also a Bohemian, was come vnto Constance. But hys
companion maister Stanilaus Znoma, was not yet pas-
sed the borders of Boheme, when he was stricken with an
unposstume, wherof he died. As for as the said Palletz
was come to Constance, he did associate vnto him one
Michael de Causis, the which had before falsly accused and
blamed the sayde Iohn Husse. And this may not be for-
gotten, that the said Palletz had bene familiarly conuer-
sant and acquainted with the said Iohn Husse from hys
youth upward, but after that there was a bull brought
vnto Prague from Pope Iohn the 23, against the King of
Apulia, named Ladislous, the sayd Iohn Husse withstood
it openly, for so much as he saw that it was wicked and
nought.

And as touching the said Palletz, albeit that he had ob-
fessed at a certaine banquet in the presence of the said Iohn
Hus that the said Bull was contrary to al equity & right:
yet notwithstanding forsomuch as he was obliged & bound
vnto the Pope by means of certain benefices receiued at
his hand, he maintained and defended the said bull against
Iohn Hus. And this was the cause of the discorde and fal-
ling out betwene the. As for Michael de Causis the com-
panion of maister Palletz, he was sometime the Curate of
new Prague, but he not being content therewith, but seeking
after a further pray, dreamed and imagined out a new de-
uise how to attayne vnto it, for he made a semblance that
he had found out a new inuention or meane, whereby the
mines of gold in Siloz, which were perished and lost,
might be renewed and set on worke againe. By this meane
he did so much with the king wenceslaus, that he did put
a great summe of money into his hands, to do that which
which he had promised.

This honest man after he had laboured and travelled
certaine daies about it, and perceiuing that he brought
nothing to passe, and that by that meane he was utterly
in despair of his purpose, hee conueied himselfe priuily
out of the Realme of Boheme with the rest of the money,
and withdrew himselfe as a worthy bird for such an end,
into the court of Rome. Such a man of such conditions
was easily corrupt with money, and that by the aduer-
saries of the said Hus, & promised the to do what he coude
for them, the which hee did shortly after. The two idly
volsters Steuen Palletz, & Michael de Causis drew out
certaine articles against the sayd Husse, saying that they had
gathered them out of his own writings, and specially out
of his treatise, which he had written of the Church. They
trooked by & downe, hither & thither, taking great paines
to shewe the saide articles vnto the Cardinals, Bishops,
Monks, and such others of that sort, doing them also to
vnderstand, that there were other matters of greater im-
portance which the said I. Hus had committed and done
against the holy constitutions and other ordinances of the
Pope and the Church: which if neede were, they said they
would propound before the Councell. Through the kindling
of his their fire, they did to incense the Cardinals & all the
Priests, that all they with one mind and consent thought
to cause the good man to be taken and laid hands on.

The 26. day after the said Hus was come to Constance,
during all which time, he was occupied in reading, writ-
ting, and familiar talke with his friends, the Cardinals
which through the instigation and motion of Palletz and
Michael de Causis, sent two Bishops, to wit, the Bishop
of Augusta, and of Trident, and with them the Boro-
maister of the towne of Constance, and a certaine knight,
to the place where Iohn Hus lodged about dinner time,
which should make report vnto him, that they were sent
by the Pope and his Cardinals, to aduertise him that hee
should come to render some knowledge or witnes of hys
doctrine before them, as he had oftentimes desired, and
that they were readie for to heare him.

Vnto whome Iohn Husse answered, I am not come
for no such intent, as to defend my cause particularly be-
fore the Pope & his Cardinals: protesting that I neuer desi-
red no such thing, but that I would willingly appeare be-
fore the whole assemble of the Councell, and there answer
for my defence openly, without any feare or doubt, vnto
all such things as should be demanded or required of me.
Notwithstanding said he, forasmuch as you require me to
do, I will not refuse to go with you before the Cardi-
nals. And if it happen that they euill entreat or handle
me: yet neuertheless I trust in my Lord Iesus, that he wil
to comfort and strengthen me, that I shall desire much ra-
ther to die for his glory sake, then to denie the veritie and
truth which I haue learned by his holy scriptures. wher-
fore it came to passe that the Bishops being instant vpon
him, and not shewing any outward semblance, that they
hate any malice or hatred against him in their hearts, albe-
it they had priuily laid garrisons both in the house, where
they were assembled, and also in other houses: Iohn Hus
tooke his horse which he had at his lodging, and went vnto
the Court of the Pope and the Cardinals.

When he was come thither and had saluted the Cardi-
nals, they began to speake to him in this sorte: we haue
heard many reports of you, the which if they be true, are
in no case to be suffered. For me lay that you haue taught
great and manifest errors, and contrary and against the
doctrine of the true Church, and that you haue sowed your
errors abrode through all the Realme of Boheme, by a
long space of time, wherfore we haue caused you to be
called hether before vs, that we might vnderstande and
know how the matter standeth.

Vnto whom Iohn Hus answered in few words: Re-
uerend fathers, you shall vnderstand that I am thus minded
and affectioned, that I would rather chouse to die, then I
should be found culpable of one only error, much lesse
of many & great errors: for this cause I am the more wil-
lingly come vnto the generall Councell which is here ap-
pointed, to shewe my selfe ready euen with all my hart to
receiue correction, if any man can proue any errors in me.
The Cardinals answered him againe, that his sayenges
pleased them very well, and vpon that they went theyr
way, leaving the said Iohn Hus with maister Iohn de
Clum, vnder the gard and keeping of the armed men.

In the meane season, they did furnishe and furnish out
a certaine doctrine, a frier Franciscane, a subtle and craftie
man, and a malicious hypocrite, for to question with the
said Iohn Hus, which was compassed round about with
armed men. This man drawing neare, in his monklike
gesture, sayd: Reuerend maister, I a simple and rude i-
deot am come vnto you for to learne, for I haue hard ma-
ny strange and contrary things against the catholike sayth,
to be attributed vnto you, the which do directly moue my
mind, being wholly inclined to the truth. wherfore I do
desire you, euen for the issue which you beare vnto the truth,
and to all good and godly men, that you would teache me
most simple and miserable man, some certaintie and truth.
And first men say that you hold opinion after the consecra-
tion and pronounciation of the words in the Sacrament of
the altar, there remaineth onely materiaill bread. I. Husse
answered, that it was falsly attributed and imputed to
him. Then said he: I pray you is not this your opinion?
No verely said Iohn Hus, I do not so thinke of it. When
the Monke asked this question the thirde time, Maister
Iohn de Clum being somewhat moued with him, sayde:
why art thou so importunate vpon him? Certly if anye
man had affirmed or denied any thing vnto me but once,
I would haue blessed him. And thou, albeit hee had
shewed

I. Hus desired
to plead his
cause before the
whole councell.

I. Hus is come
before the Pope
& the cardinals.

The wordes of
the pope & the
Cardinals to I.
Hus.

The answer of
Iohn Hus to the
Pope and the
Cardinals.

Dobus malus
Cardinalium.

A Frier Minor
putteth two
questions to
Iohn Hus.

A frier Indae.
M. I. Clum spe-
keth for I. Hus.