

M. Hierom holdeth all the articles of the Catholicke Church. The eloquence of M. Hierome.

foze you all, that I do beleue and holde the articles of the sayth, as the holy Catholicke Church doth hold and beleue the same: but for this cause shall I now be condemned, for that I will not consent with you vnto the condemnation of those most holy and blessed men aforesayd, whome you haue most wickedly condemned for certayne articles, detesting and abhorring your wicked and abhominable life. When he confessed there before them all his beleife, and vttered many things very profoundly and eloquently, in so much that all men there present, could not sufficiently commend & praysse hys great cloquence & excellent learning and by no means could they induce or perswade him to recant.

When a certayne bishop named the Bishop of Landoy made a certayne sermon exhortatiue agaynst M. Hierome perswading to his condemnation.

After the Byshop had ended the sayd sermon, M. Hierome sayd agayn vnto them: You shall condemne me wickedly and vniustly. But I after my death will leaue a remone in your conscience, and a nayle in your hartes, ET CITO VOS OMNES, VT RESPONDEATIS MIHI CORAM ALTISSIMO ET IUSTISSIMO IUDICE POST CENTVM ANNOS: that is. And here I cite you to answer vnto me before the most high and iust Iudge, within a .C. yeares.

No penne can sufficiently wyte or note those things which he most eloquently, profoundly, & philosophically had spoken in the sayd audiance, neither can anye tongue sufficiently declare & fame, wherefoze I haue but onely touched here the superficiall matter of his talke, partly, & not wholly noting the same. Finally, when as by no means he might be perswaded to recant the premises, immediately euen in his presence, the sentence & iudgement of hys condemnation was geuen agaynst him, & read before him.

The prophesie of M. Hierome.

In the name of God Amen. Christ our God and our Saviour being the true vyne, whose father is the husbandman, taught hys Disciples and all other saythful men, saying: If anyma doe not in me, let him be cast out as a botw or bhaunch, & let him wither and dry, &c. The doctrine and preceptes of which most excellent doctor, executing & following in the cause of inquisition agaynst hereticks, being moued by this said sacred Synode, through report, publicke fame, and open infamation: proceedeth agaynst Hierome of Prage, Mayster of Arte, lay man. By the Actes & proceses of whole cause it appeareth that the sayd mayster Hierome hath holde, mayntayned, and taught diuers Articles

The sentence read agaynst M. Hierome.

hereticall and erroneous, lately reponed and condemned by the holy fathers, some being very blasphemous, other some offending godly cares, & many temerarious & sedicious which haue bene affirmed, mayntayned, preached and taught by the men of most damnable memory J. wicklesse & John Hus, the which are also written in diuers of their workes & books. which articles of doctrine and books of the sayd John Hus and wicklesse together with their memory, and the person of the sayd John Hus, were by the sayd sacred Synode condemned of heresie. The which sentence of condemnation this Hierome afterward during & time of inquisition, acknowledged in the sayd sacred Synode, & approued the true Catholicke & Apostolicke faith, therunto consenting, accurring all heresie, specially that whereof he was enflamed, & confessed himselfe to be inflamed & that which in times past J. Hus & J. wicklesse maintayned & taught in their workes, sermons & books: for which the sayd wicklesse & Hus together with theyr doctrine and errors, were by the sayd sacred Synode as hereticall, condemned. The condemnations of all which the premises, he did openly professe and allow, and did sweare that he wold perseuere and continue in the veritie of that sayth. And if that he should presume at any tyme to hold opiniõ or preach contrary therunto, that he wold submitte himselfe to the triall and trust of the Canons, and be bound to perpetual punishment. And this his profession writt with his own hand, he deliuered vp into the holy Council. Many daies after hys sayd profession and aburatation, as a dogge returning vnto hys vomite, to & intent he might openly vomit vp the most pestilent poyson whiche had long lurked and laien hid in his brest, he required and desired that he might be openly heard before the Council. The which being graunted vnto him, he affirmed, sayd and professed before the whole Synode, being publickely gathered together, & he had wickedly consented and agreed to the sentence & iudgement of the condemnation of the said wicklesse and Hus, and that he had most shamefully yed in appoyning and allowing the sayd sentence, neyther was he ashamed to confesse that he had yed: yea he did also reuoke and recant his confession, approbation and protestation, which he had made vpon their condemnation, affirming that he neuer at any tyme had read any errors or heresie in the bookes & treatises of the said wicklesse and Hus. Albeit he had before confessed it, and it is evidently proued that he did diligently study, read and preache their bookes, wherein it is manifest that they are contayned many errorres and heresies. Also the sayd Mayster Hierome did professe as tou-

¶ The burning of maister Hierome of Prage.

