

- 31. Item, whether he belueueth that the pope or any other prelate for the tyme being, or their vicars may excommunicate their subiect Ecclesiasticall or secular for disobedience or contumacie, so that such a one is to be holden and taken for excommunicate or not.
- 32. Item, whether ye beleue that for the disobedience and contumacie of persons excommunicate, increasing: the prelates or their vicars in spirituall thinges haue power to agrauate and to reaguarate, to put vpon men the interdict and to call for the secular arme: and that the same secular arme or power ought to be obedient to the censures, by their inferiours called for.
- 33. Item, whether he beleue that the pope and other prelates or els their vicars, haue power in spirituall thinges to excommunicate priestes and lay men that are stubberne and disobedient, from theyr office, benefice or entrance into the church, and from the administration of the sacraments of the Church, also to suspend them.
- 34. Item, whether he beleue, that it is lawfull for ecclesiasticall persons without committing sinne, to haue any possessions & temporall goodes: and whether he beleue, yf it is not lawfull for lay men to take away the same from the by their authority: but rather that such takers away & increachers vpon ecclesiasticall goodes, are to be punished as committers of sacriledge, yea although such Ecclesiasticall persons liue naughtly that haue such goodes.
- 35. Item, whether any such taking away or increchyng vpon any priest rashly or violently made, although yf priest be an euill liuer, be sacriledge or not.
- 36. Item, whether he beleue that it is lawfull for lay me of whether sexe soener: that is men and women, to preach the word of God or not.
- 37. Item, whether he beleue that it is lawfull to al priestes freely to preach the word of God wher soeuer, when so euer, and to whom soeuer it shal please them, although they be not sent at all.
- 38. Item, whether he beleue that all mortall sinnes, and especiall such as be manifest and publike, are to be corrected and to be extirpate or not.

Furthermore, wee will commaunde, and decree, that if any by secreete information by you or any other to be receiued, shall be founde either entamed or suspected of any kind of yf pestiferous sect, heresie & doctrine of the most pestilence men J. wickleffe, J. Hus and Hierome of Prague the archheretikes aforesaid, or of fauoring, receiuing or defendiug the foresayd damned men whilst they liued on the earth, their false followers and disciples, or any that beleueueth their errorres, or any that after their deatly pray for the or any of them, or that nominate them to be amongst the number of catholick men, or yf defendeth them to be placed amongst the number of yf saintes, either by their preaching worshipping, or otherwaies wherein they deserue to be suspected: yf then they by you or some of you, may be cited personally to appere before you or some of you, about either Doctoz or Doctoz to answer for them, an oth being openly taken by them as is aforesayd, to speake the plain & mere veritie of the articles aboue writen and euery of them, or other oportune, as case and circumstance shall require, according to your discretion, as you or anye of you shall see expedient to proceed against them, or any of them according to these presentes or otherwile canonically, as you shall thinke good.

Also that you do publish solemnly & cause to be published, these presentes letters, omitting the articles & interrogatories herein contayned, in the cities & other places of your dioces, where conveniently you may, vnder our authoritie, & there to denounce and cause to be denounced all & singular such hereticks, with their abettors & fauourers of their heresies & errorres, of what sexe or kinde soeuer, that do hold, & defend the sayd errorres, or doe participate any manner of way with heretickes, priuily or apertly, of what state, dignitie, or condition soeuer he or they be, Patriarche, Archbishop, king, Queene, Duke or of what other dignitie either Ecclesiasticall or secular he be: also with their aduocates and procurators whosoever, whiche are beleuers, followers, fauourers defenders, or receiuers of such heretickes, or suspected to be beleuers, followers, fauourers, defenders or receiuers of them, to be excommunicate, euery sonday and festiuall day, in the presence of the people.

Furthermore, that you diligently do to be inquired by the sayd our authoritie, vpon all and singular such persons both men and women, that mayntayne, approue, defend, & reach such errorres, or that be fauourers, receauers and defenders of them, whether exempt or not exempt, of what dignitie, state, preeminence, degree, order, or condition so-

euere. And such as you shall finde in the sayd your inquisition, either by their own confession, or by any other meane to be diffamed, or otherwile infected with the spot of such heresie or error, you, through the sentence of excommunication, suspension, interdict, and priuation of their dignities, personages, offices, or other benefices of the Church, and fees, which they hold of any church, monastery and other Ecclesiasticall places, also of honours and secular dignities and degrees of sciences or other faculties, as also by other paynes and censures of the Church, or by wayes and means wharsoeuer els shall seeme to you expedient, by taking and impunition of their bodies, and other corporal punishmentes wherewith heretickes are punished, or are wont, and are commaunded by canonicall sanctions to be vled: and if they be clerkes, by degradation, doe correcte and punish, and cause them to be corrected and punished with all diligence.

Furthermore, that you do rise vp stoutly and courageously agaynst such heretickes, and the goodes as well of them, as of the lay men, according to the canonicall sanctions made agaynst heretickes, and their followers, vnder the which we will and commaunde them and their partakers to be subiect. And also such persons, as shall be infamed of the heresies or errorres aforesayd, or any of yf premises, shall be bounde to purge themselves, at your arbitrement: but the other which either be witnesses, or by their owne confessions, or other allegations or probations, shall be convicted of the foresaid heresies, or articles, or of any the premises, they shall be compelled to reuoke and abiure publicly and solemnly the sayd articles and errorres, and to suffer condigne penance and punishment, yea euen to perpetual imprisonment, (if need be) for the same.

And to the intent yf they shall not nourish any kinde of heresies hereafter, either in word, dede, or gesture, or shall induce other, either in woorde or dede, priuily or apertly, directly or indirectly to beleue yf same, they shall be forced to put in sufficient suretie. Whos, if it so chauce that they wil not publicly and solemnly renounce and abiure their articles and errorres, and take at your handes condigne penance, though it be to perpetual, or temporal punishment, according to your discretion, neither wil be contented to put in sufficient suretie that they will not hereafter holde nor nourish those errorres and heresies, neither wil induce nor put in word or dede, priuily or apertly, directly or indirectly, or by any other manner of colour, to beleue the same: that then you shall proceede agaynst them, according to yf quality of their errorres and demerites, yea and if you see it so expedient, as agaynst heretickes, & as infected with heresie by our authoritie, according to the canonicall sanctions summarily and simply and plainly, sine strepitu & figura iudicii, & of office, all appellatio or appellations wharsoeuer ceasing and that you punish the same, according to the sanctions & traditions canonicall, yea if neede be, in leauing and committing them to the secular power: and agaynst such as be superiours or learned doctoz, laying the censures of ecclesiasticall excommunication, al appellatio set aside, also inuocating, if neede shall require, ayd of the secular arme: The constitution as well of our predecessor Pope Boniface 8. of blessed memory, wherein is decreed that no man without hys City or dioces (except in certayne cases) or in places being one daies iourney distant from thence where he inhabiteth, shall be called into iudgement, & that no man do presume to depute iudges fro yf sea Apostolike, vnto the city & dioces where they are deputed, to proceede agaynst any: or do presume to commit their authority to any other person or persons or to fetch & remoue any man beyond one dayes iourney fro our his dioces where he dwelleth, or at most two dayes iourney, if it be in a generall council: as also all other constitutions of any byshop of Rome, touching as well, Iudges delegate, as persons not to be called to iudgement beyond a certayne number: or els any other edict, inbrike, priuilege, or exemption generall or speciall graunted from the Apostolike sea, for anye person or persons not to be interdicted, suspended, or excommunicated, or cited by to iudgement without the compassse of certayne limites: or els what soeuer thing otherwile may hinder, stop, or impeache your iurisdiction, power, and free proceeding herein by anye meane to the contrary notwithstanding. Dat Constantie the first yeare of our popedom.

This bloody and abominable commission of pope Martyn, which I haue copied out of a certayne olde monument remaining in the handes of Maister Hacknaye, student in the Temple, seemeth to be directed and given out to the publike destruction of all faithful Christen men, about the latter end & breaking vp of the council of Constance, an. 1418. By the which the prudent reader hath this

See here the Dragon calling out whole floudes to swallow vp the Saintes.

These Popes will be sure to lose nothing.

Wealthy wickedness maintained.

The pope neither preacheth himselfe, nor yet will suffer other good priests to preach

Pope Martyn 5. contrary to Pope Boniface 8.

Pope Martyn vndoeth the acts and edictes of al other popes.

Papa spirat in uas & cadet.