

These orbes thus being recited and opened to the people, were the occasion that the Pope lost all his interest and jurisdiction here in Englande, wythin shortlye while after. Upon the occasion and reason whereof, the matter falling out more & more against the Pope, Syr Thomas More, of whose mention is made before, being a great maintainer of the Pope, & a heavy troubler of Christs people, and notwe not liking well of this orbe, by Gods god worke, was enforced to religne by his Chancellourship, and to deliver by the great seale of England into the kings hands. After whom succeeded Syr Thomas Audley, Keeper of the great seale, a man in eloquence and giftes of tongue no lesse incomparable, then also for hys godly disposed minde, and favourable inclination to Christs religio, worthy of much commendation.

Syr Tho. More.

Tho. Audley
made Lord
Chancellour.

The maryage of
Queene Anne.

The great almes
of Queene Anne.

These things being done in the parliament, the king within shortlye after, proceeded to the mariage of the foresayd lady Anne Bullen, mother to our most noble Queene now, who without all controversie was a speciall comforter & aider of all the professors of Christs gospell, as well of the learned as the unlearned: her life being also directed according to the same, as her weeklye almes did manifestly declare: who besides the ordinarie of a C. crownes, and other apperell that she gave weeklye a yeare before she was crowned, both to men and women, gave also wonderfull much private almes to widowes and other poore householders continuallye till shee was apprehended, and shee ever gave three or foure pounce at a tyme to the poore people, to buy them kine withall, and sent her Subammer to the townes about where shee lay, that the parishioners should make a bill of all the poore householders in their parish, and some townes received 7. s. or 10. pound to buy kine withall according as the number of the poore in the Townes were. Shee also maintained many learned men in Cambridge. Likewise did shee the Earle of Wiltshire her father, and the Lord Rochford her brother, and by them these men were brought in favour to the king: of whom some are yet alive and can testifye the same, which would to God they were now as great professors of the gospell of Christ, as then they appeared to be, which were D. Heath, and D. Thirlby: with whom was joyned the L. Paget, who at that present was an earnest protestant, & gave unto one Rainolde west, Luthers booke, and other booke of the Bernaynes, as Franciscus Lambertus de Sectis, and at that tyme he red Melanctons Aheozike openly in Trinitie hall in Cambridge, and was with his M. Gardiner a maintainer of D. Barnes and all the Protestantes that were then in Cambridge, & holpe many religious persons out of their cowles.

Heath, Thirby,
L. Paget.

Lord Paget a
mainteyner of
D. Barnes.

The praise of
Queene Anne.

It hath bene reported unto vs by diuers credible persons which were about this Queene, and daily acquainted with her doings concerning her liberal and bountifull distribution to the poore, how her grace caried ever about her a certaine little purse, out of the which shee was wont daily to scatter abroad some almes to the needy; thinking no day well spent, wherein some man had not farced the better by some benefite at her handes. And this I write by the relation of certain noble personages which were chiefe & principall of her waiting maides about her, especially the Duchesses of Richmond by name.

The name of this
gentlewoman
was Maistres
Wilkinson.

The good order
of the Court in
Queene Annes
tyme.

Also concerning the order of her ladies & gentlewomen about her, one that was her sistwoman, a Gentlewoman not now alive, but of great credite and also of fame for her worthy doings, did credibly report, that in all her time she neuer saw better order amongst the ladies & gentlewomen of the Court, then was in this good Quenes dayes, who kepte her maides and luche as were about her so occupied in sewing and working of shirts & smockes for the poore, that neither was there seene any idleness then amongst them, nor any leisure to followe such pastimes as daily are seene now a daies to raigine in princes courties.

The king divorced
from Lady
Catherine & fro
the Pope, both
at one tyme.

Thus the king being divorced from the lady Dowager his brothers wife, married this gracious Lady, making a prosperous and happy change for vs, being divorced from the foresaide Princesse, and also from the Pope both at one tyme. Notwithstanding as god and godly purposes are never without some inconvenience or trouble following, so it happened in this divorcement that the sayde Princesse procuring from Rome the Popes curse, caused both the king and the realme to be interdicted, whereof more is hereafter to be spoken.

ANNO
1533
Queene Anne
crowned.
Queene Elizabeth
borne.

In the meane tyme Queene Anne, shortly after her mariage, being great with childe, the next yeare followyng, which was 1533. after the first divorcement publiclye proclaimed, was crowned wyth high solemnitie at westminster: and not long after her Coronation, the 7. day of September shee was brought a bed, and delivered of a faire Lady, for whose good deliuerance Te Deum was songe in all places, and great preparation made for the Christening,

The Maior and his brethren with 40. of the chiefe Citizens were commanded to be present withall the nobles and Gentlemen. The kings Pallace and all the walls betweene that and the Friers, was hanged with Arras, and the Friers Church. Also the fente was of siluer, & rode in the midst of the Church three steeppes high, wyth was covered with a fine cloth, and diuers Gentlemen wyth apions and towels about their neckes, gaue attendaunce about it. Over the fente hung a faire Canopy of crimosine fatten fringed wyth Golde. About it was a raille covered wyth saie. Betweene the Quire and the body of the church was a close place with a pan of fire to make the childe ready in. These things thus ordered, the childe was brought into the Hall, and then every man set forward. First the citizens 2. and 2. Then the gentlemen, Esquiers and Chaplains. Next after followed the Aldermen and the Maior alone. Next the Maior followed the kings Council. Then the kings Chappel. Then Barons, Bishops and Earles. Then came the Earl of Essex, bearing the covered Balons gyle. After him the Marques of Exeter wyth the taper of Virgini warre. Next him, the Marques Doyler bearyng the Salte. Behind him the Ladie Marie of Northfolke bearyng the Chrysome which was very riche of perle and stone. The olde Duchesse of Northfolke bare the childe in a Mantle of Purple Veluette, with a longe traine furred wyth Ermine. The Duke of Northfolke with hys Marshal rod, went on the right hand of the sayde Duchesse, and the Duke of Suffolke on the left hande. Before them went the Officers of armes. The Countesse of Kente bare the long traine of the chilles mantell. Betwene the Countesse and the child, went the Earle of Wiltshire on the right hand, and the Earle of Darby on the left hand, supporting the said traine. In the midst over the childe was borne a Canopy by the Lord Rochford, the Lord Hussey, the Lord William Howard, and the Lord Thomas Howard the elder. In this order they came unto the Church doore where the Bishop of London mette it, with diuers Abbots and Bishops, and began the obseruance of the Sacrament. The Archbishop of Caunterbury was Godfather, and the olde Duchesse of Northfolke, and the olde Marchionesse of Doyler, widowes, were Godmothers, and the childe was named Elizabeth.

Cranmer
godfather
to Queene
Elizabeth.

After all things were done at the Church doore, the child was brought to the fente & Christened. This done, Walter the chiefe king of armes cryed aloud: God of his infinite goodnes send prosperous lyfe and longe, to the high and mighty princeesse of England, ELIZABETH. Then the Trompettes blew, and the childe was brought up to the altare and immediately confirmed by the Archbishop, the Marchionesse of Exeter being Godmother. Then the Archbishop of Caunterbury gaue to the Princesse a standing cup of Gold, The Duchesse of Northfolke gaue to her a standing cup of Golde, fretted with Pearle. The Marchionesse of Doyler, three gylte boles pounced, with a couer. The Marchionesse of Exeter, three standing boles gylt & grauen with a couer. And so after a solemne banquet ended with Spocras, wafers, and such lyke in great plenty, they returned in like order agayne unto the Courte, wyth the Princesse, and so departed.

At the Maryage of this noble Lady, as there was no small ioy unto all good and godly men, and no lesse hope of prosperous successe to Gods true Religion, so in like maner on the contrarye parte, the papistes wanted not theyr malicious and secret attemptes, as by the false hypocritise and sayned holynesse of a false sayned hypocrite this yeare before clipped & found out, may sufficiently appeare what theyr deuilishe deuises and purposes were. For certayne Monks Friers, & other cuill disposed persons, of a deuilishe intent, had put into the heades of many of the kings subjects, that they had reuelation of God and hys sayntes, yhe was highly displeas'd to king Henry, for y divorcement of the Lady Katherine, and furnished amongst other thyngs, that God had reuealed to a Nunne, named Elizabeth Barton, whome they called the holy maide of Kent, that in case the King proceeded in the sayde divorce, hee should not be king of this realme, one moneth after, and in the reputation of God, not one day nor hour. This Elizabeth Barton by fall dissimulation practised and shewed to the people, marvellous alteration of her visage and other partes of her body, as if she had bene rapt or in a trance, & in those sayned trances by false hypocritise (as though shee had bene inspired of God) shee spake many words in rebuking of sinne, and reproouing the Gospell which shee called heretic, and among them uttered diuers thyngs to the great reproch of the king and Queene, & to the establishing of Idolatry, Pilgrimage, and the derogation of Gods glory: wyth her naughtines being spied out by the great labour and diligence of the Archbishop of Caunterbury, the

The maide
of Kent
with her
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hypocritise
apprehended.