

resorted for some helpe for this prisoner, desiring them to speake vnto theyr Lord and Mayster for his deliuerance out of trouble.

It happened that the same time came in Doctour Barnes and Mayster Barlowe, who vnderstandyng the matter by Lobbyes wife, went vp to the Lord Cromwell, and certified him thereof: who vpon their request, sent for the Maior of the City of London: but what was sayd vnto the Lord Maior, is vnknowne, sauing that in the after none of the same day, the wife of the perion afore sayd resorted agayne vnto the Lord Maior, saying to get her husband deliuered out of prison, declaring how that she had 2. small children, and had nothing to helpe her and them, but onely her husband, who laboured for theyr liuings. Vnto whom the Maior answered, what come ye to me? You are taken by with the Kinges Counsell. I supposed that you had come to dessee me that your husbande should not stand vpon the Pillary in Cheapside on Monday nexte, with the one halfe of the pyg on his one shoulder and the other halfe on the other. Also the Maior sayd vnto her, that he could not deliuer him without the consent of the rest of his brethren the Aldermen, wherfore he bade her the next day following, which was Sondag, to resort vnto Paules to Saint Dunstons Chappell, and when he had spoken with his brethren, he woulde then tell her more. Other answer could she get none at that time. wherfore she went vnto M. Wilkenson, then being Sherrife of London, desiring him to be good vnto her, and that he might haue her poore husband out of prison. Vnto whom M. Wilkenson answered: O woman, Christ hath layd a piece of his crosse vpon thy necke, to proue whether thou wilt helpe hym to beare it or no, saying moreouer to her, that if the Lord maior had sent him to his Counter, as he sent him to his brothers, he should not haue taried there an houre; and so commaunded her to come the next day vnto him to dinner, and he would do y best for her he could. So the next day came, & this woman resorted agayne to M. Wilkensons, according as he had her, who also had bidded diuers gesses: vnto whd he spake in her behalfe. But as they were set at dinner, and she also sitting at the table, whd she saw the hote fish come in, she fell downe in a swoond, so that for the space of two houres she could keepe no life in her. wherfore they sent her home to her house in Water noster tow, and then they sent for the Midwife, supposing that she would haue bene deliuered incontinent of her childe that she went with; but after that she came somewhat agayne to her selfe, where she lay sicke and kept her bed the space of xv. weekes after, being not able to helpe her selfe, but as she was helped of others, during the time of xv. weekes.

Now to shew further what became of this Pig, wherof we haue spoken so much, it was carryed into Finchburpe field by the Bishop of Londons Sumner, at his maisters commaundement, and there buried. The Sondag following, being the fourth day after that this prisoner afore sayd was apprehended, the Maior of London, with the residue of his brethren being at Guild hall, sent for the prisoner afore named, and demanded surties of him for his forth coming, what so euer hereafter should or might be layd vnto his charge; but for lacke of such surties as they requi- red vpon his owne band, which was a Recogniuaunce of twenty pound, he was deliuered out of theyr hands. But shortly after that he was deliuered out of this his trouble, mayster Barter, of whome we haue spoken before, being his landlord, warned him put of his house; so that in foure yeares after, he could not get an other, but was constrained to be with in other good folkes, to his great hindzance and vndoing.

Hard it were and almost out of number to rehearse the names and stories of all them, which felt the gentle helpe of this good man in some case or other. where might be remembred the notable deliuerance of one Bray, a Smyth of Wiltshops Starford, who being accused for denying y sacrament of the aulter to be our Sauior, was sent by for the same to Londõ and there should haue bene condemned to be burnt, but that by the meanes of the L. Cromwell, he was sent home agayne and deliuered. One other example, though it be somewhat long with the circumstances and all, I will declare, how he helped the Secretary that the was Doctor Cramer Archbishop of Caunterbury, whiche Secretary is yet aliue, and can beare present record of the same.

How the Lord Cromwell helped Crammers Secretary.

Mention was made before how king Henry in y last of his reigne 21. caused the 6. Articles to passe, much agaynst the mind and contrary to the consēt of the Archb-

shop of Caunterbury Thomas Cramer, who had disputed thre daies against the same in the Parliament house, with great reasons and authoritics. which Articles after they were graunted and passd by the Parliament, the king for the singuler fauor which he euer bare to Cramer, and reuerence to his learning, being desirous to know what he had sayd and obiected in the Parliament agaynst these Articles; or what could be alleged by learning agaynst the same, requi- red a note of the Archbishop of his doings, what he had sayd and opposed in the Parliament touching that matter. And this word was sent to him from the king by Cromwell, and other Lordes of the Parliament whom the king then sent to dine with him at Lambeth, somewhat to comfort agayne his greued mind, and troubled spirits as hath bene aboue recited. pag. 1136.

wherupon when his dinner was finished, the next day after the Archbishop collecting both his argumētts, authoritics of scriptures, and Doctours together, caused his Secretary to write a sayre booke therof for the king, after this order. First the Scriptures were alleaged, then the Doctours, thirdly folowed the Arguments deduced from those authoritics. This booke was written in his Secretaries Chamber, where, in a by Chamber lay the Archbishops Almosiner, when this booke was sayre writte, and whiles the Secretary was gone to deliuer the same vnto y Archbishop his maister, who was (as it then chanced) rydd to Croydon: returning backe to his chamber, found hys doore shut, and the key carryed away to London by the Almosiner.

At this season also chauced the father of the sayd Secretary to come to the City, by whose occasion it so fell out, that he must nedes go to London. The booke he could not lay into his chamber, neither durst he commit it to any other person to keepe, being straitly charged in any condition of the Archbishop his maister, to be circumspect therof, so that he determined to go to his father and to keepe the booke about him. And so thrusting the booke vnder his girdle, he went ouer vnto westminster bridge with a sculler, where he entred into a wherry that went to London, wherint were 4. of the Garde, who went to land at Paules wharfe and to passe by the kinges highesse, who then was in hys Barge with a great number of Barges and boates about him, then baiting of Beares in the water ouer agaynst the banks.

These foresayd yeomen of the gard, when they came agaynst the kinges Barge, they durst not passe by towards Paules wharfe, least they should be clyped, & therfore entreated the Secretary to goe with them to the Bearebaying, and they would finde the meanes being of the garde to make rowme and to see all the pastime, the Secretary perceiuing no other remedy, assēt thereto. whd the wherry came vnto the multitude of the boats, they with poillares got in the wherry so sarre, that being compassed with many other wherryes and boates there was no refuge if the Beare should breake loose and come vpon them, as in verry dedde within one pater noster while, the Beare brake lose and came in to the boate where the yeomen of the gard were and the sayd Secretary. The gard foresok the wherry and went into an other barge, one or two of them leaping short, and so fell into the water. The Beare and the dogs so shaked the wherry wherint the Secretary was, that the boate being full of water, soncke to the ground, & being also as it chauced an ebbing tide, he there late in the end of y wherry vp to y middle in water. To whd came the Beare and all the dogges. The Beare licking as it were aide and succor of him, came backe with his hinder parts vpon him and so rulsing vpon him, the booke was lofed frd his girdle and fell into the Thames out of his reach.

The flying of the people, after that the beare was lost, from one boar to an other, was so comberous, that diuers persons were throwne into the Thames, the king commaunding certayne men that could swimme, to strip them selues naked and to helpe to saue them that were in danger. This pastime to displeasd the king that he had away away, with the Beare, and let vs all go hence.

The Secretary perceiuing his booke to secrete away in the Thames, called to the Beareward to take vp y booke, when the Beareward had the booke in his custody; being an errant Papist, sarre from the Religion of his Officers (for he was the Lady Elizabethes Beareward, now the Queenes mateffy) ere that the Secretary coude come to land, he had deliuered the booke to a Priest of his owne affinity in Religion standing on the bancke, who reading in the booke and perceiuing that it was a manifest refutation of the 6. Articles, made much a doc and tolde the Beareward that whosoener claymed the booke, should surely be hanged. Among the Secretary came to the Beareward for his booke, what quoth the Beareward, dare you chafelinge thys

The Archb. Cramer disputed 3. days in the Parliament against the 6. Articles.

The name of this Secretary was M. Rafe Morice, being yet aliue.

Talle yemen but ill keepers. A Bearebaying vpo Thomas be- fore the king. The booke of D. Cramer agaynst the 6. articles lost in the Thames.

This Beareward was P. iacobe Eliza- bethes seruauit.

D. Crammers booke agaynst the 6. Articles, deliuered to a Popishe priest.

D. Barnes & Barlowe due to the L. Cromwell for Thomas Frebarne. The Lord Mayors answer to the poore wo- man.

The gentle words of M. Wilkins Shrieve of London to the poore woman.

That God ordeyeth to be eaten, superstition buryeth.

Thomas Frebarne deliuered out of prisõ. Tho. Frebarne discharged out of his house by M. Garter his Land lord.

Gray a Smith accused offherely & deliuered by the Lord Cromwell.