

The Queene perceiuinge to what purpose thys talke did tend, not being vnprouided in what sort to behaue her selfe towards the king, with such aunsweres resolu'd hys questions as the time and oportunitie present did require, mildly, and with a reuerent countenance aunswering againe after thys maner.

The Queene politike submission to the king.

Your Maiestie (quoth she) doth right well know, neither I my selfe an ignorant, what great imperfection and weaknesse by our first creation, is allotted vnto vs women, to be ordained and appoynted as inferiour and subiect vnto man as our heade, from which head all our direction ought to proceede, and that, as God made man to his owne shape and likenesse, whereby he being indued with more speciall giftes of perfection, might rather be stirred to the contemplation of heauenly things, and to the earnest endeour to obey his commandments: euen so also made hee woman of man, of whome and by whome shee is to be gouerned, commanded and directed. Whose womanly weaknesse & naturall imperfection, ought to be tollerated, aided and borne wythall, so that by his wisdome such things as be lacking in her, ought to be supplied.

Sithens therefore that God hath appoynted suche a naturall difference betweene man and woman, and your Maiestie beyng so excellent in giftes and ornaments of wisdome, and I a feely pore woman so much inferiour in all respects of nature vnto you: how then commeth it nowe to passe that your Maiestie in such diffuse causes of religion, will seeme to require my iudgement? Whyche when I haue vttered and sayd what I can, yet must I, and will I referre my iudgement in this and all other cases to your Maiesties wisdome, as my onely anker, supreme heade and gouernour heere in earth next vnder God, to leane vnto.

Not so by Saint Marye, quoth the king. You are become a Doctor, Kate, to instruct vs (as we take it) and not to be instructed, or directed by vs.

If your Maiestie take it so (quoth the Queene) then hath your Maiestie very much mistaken me, who haue euer bene of the opinion, to thinke it very vnseemely & preposterous for the woman to take vpon her the office of an instructor or teacher to her Lord and husband, but rather to learne of her husband, & to be taught by him. And where I haue with your Maiesties leaue heeretofore bene bolde to holde talke with your Maiestie, wherein sometimes in opinions there hath seemed some difference, I haue not done it so much to maintaine opinion, as I did it rather to minister talke, not onely to the ende that your Maiestie mighte with lesse griefe passe ouer this painefull time of your infirmite, beinge intentiue to oure talke, and hoping that your Maiestie should reape some ease thereby: but also that I hearing your Maiesties learned discourse, might receiue to my selfe some profite thereof. Wherein I assure your Maiestie I haue not missed anye parte of my desire in that behalfe, alwayes referring my selfe in all suche matters vnto your Maiestie, as by ordinance of nature it is conuenient for me to doe.

And is it euen so sweete hart, quoth the king? And tended your arguments to no worke end? When perfect frendes we are now againe, as euer at any time heretofore: and as hee saie in hys chaire embracing her in his armes & kissing her, hee added thys saying: That it did him more good at that time to heare those wordes of her owne mouthe, then if hee had heard perfect newes of an hundredth thousand pounds in moneie fallen vnto him. And wyth greatesigns and tokens of maruclous ioy and liking, with promises and assurances, neuer againe in any sort moie to mistake her, entering into other very pleasaunt discourtes wyth the Queene & the Lords, and Gentlemen standing by, in the end (being very late on the night) he gaue her leaue to departe. whome in her absence to the standers by, he gaue as singulare and as affectionous commendations, as before time to the Bishp, and the chancelor (who then were neither of them present) he seemed to mislike of her.

Now then (God be thanked) the Kings mynde was cleane altered, and he detested in his heart (as afterwards he plainly shewd) this Tragicaill practise of those cruell Carphalses: who nothing vnderstanding of the kings well reformed minde, & good disposition towards the Queene, were busily occupied about thinking & providing for their next dayes labour, which was the day determined to haue carryed the Queene to the Tower.

The day & almost the houre appoynted being come, the B. being disposed in the after noone to take the air (waited vpon wyth two Gentlemen onely of hys bed chamber) went into the garden, whether the Queene also came, being sent for by the Kinge hymselfe, the three Ladies aboue named, alone waiting vpon her, wyth whom the king at that time disposed himselfe to be as pleasant as euer he was in all his life before: when sodainly in the middelt of the mynde, the houre determined, being come, in commeth the

Perfekte agreement betwene the K. and the Queene.

The K. abhorred the malicious workings of the bloody Papistes.

This purpose being altered that the Ladies should be first taken, it was then appoynted that they with the Queene

Lord chancellour into the garden with a 40. of the kings garde at his heeles, with purpose in dedde to haue taken the Queene together with the 3. Ladies aforesaide, whom they had before purposed to apprehende alone, euen then vnto the tower, whome then the kyng secretly beholding, breaking of his mynde with the Queene, stepping a litle aside, called the Chancellour vnto hym. Who vpon hys knes spake certaine wordes vnto the king, but what they were (so that they were softly spoken, and the King a good prettye distance from the Queene) it is not well known, but it is most certaine that the kings replying vnto hym, was knaue, for his aunswere: yea arrant knaue, beast, and foole, and wyth that the king commaundd hym presently to auant out of presence. Whiche words although they were vttered somewhat lowe, yet were they so deuenly whyspered out by the king, that the Queene did casily with her Ladies aforesayd ouer heare them: which had bene not a litle to her comforte, if shee had knowne at that time the whole cause of hys coming so perfectly, as after shee knewe it. Thus departed the L. Chancelor out of the kings presence as he came, with all his traine, the whole mould of all hys deuise being vtterly broken.

The king after his departure, immediatly returned to the Queene. Whom she perceiuing to be very much chafed, (albeit comming towards her, he miscead himselfe to put on a mery countenance) with as swete words as he could vtter, endeuoured to qualify the king his displeasure with request vnto his maiestie in the behalfe of the L. Chancellor, whom he seemed to be offended with all: saying for his excuse, that albeit she knewe not what iust cause his maiesty had at that time to be offended with hym, yet she thoughte that ignorance nor will, was the cause of his error, and so besought hys maiestie (if the cause were not very haious) at her humble suite to take it.

Altho your soule (quoth he) thou litle knowest how cruell he deserueth this grace at thy hands. Of my worde (swete hart) he hath bene towards thee an arrant knaue, and so let him go. To this the Queene in charitable maner replying in few wordes, ended that talke: hauing also by Gods onely blessing happely for that time and cure, escaped the dangerous flames of her bloody and cruell enemies for the Soules sake.

The pestiferous purpose of this Bishop, & of suche like bloody aduertaries practising thus against the Queene, & proceeding of gods gospel (as ye haue heard) putteth me in remembrance of such an other like story of his wicked working in like manner, a litle before: but much more pernicious & pestilent to the publick church of Iesus Christ, then this was dangerous to the private estate of the Queene. Whyche storie likewise I thought heere as in conuenient place, to be adioyned & notified, to be knowne to all posteritie, according as I haue it faithfully recozded and storied by hym, which heard it of the Archbishop Trammers own mouth, declared in order and forme as foloweth.

\* A discourse touching a certaine pollicie vsed by Stephen Gardiner Bishop of Winchester, in staying king Henrie the 8. from redressing of certaine abuses of ceremonies in the church, being Ambassadour beyonde the seas.

Also the communication of king Henrie the 8. had wyth the ambassador of France at Hampton Court concerning the reformation of religion, as wel in France, as in Englande. Anno 1546. Mens August.

It chanced in the time of B. Henrie the 8. when his highnes did lastly (not many yeres before his death) conclude a league betwene the Emperour, the French king and himselfe, that the B. of Winchester Steue Gardiner by name, was sent in Ambassage beyonde the seas, for that purpose. In whose absence the Archbishop of Catterbury Thomas Trammer, attending vpon the kings Court, sought occasion somewhat to further the reformation of the corrupt religion, not yet fully restored vnto a perfection. For lyke as the sayd Archb. was alwayes diligent and forward to preserue and aduance the sincere doctrine of the Gospel: so was that other byshop a contrary instrument, continually spinning against the same, in whatsoeuer coast of the world he remained. For euen now he being beyond y seas in y temporal affaires of y realme forgaue not, but sold the meancs as a most valiant champion of the B. of Rome, to stop and hinder, as wel the good diligence of the sayd Archbishop, as the godly disposition of the kings Maiestie in that behalfe, wyche thus chanced.

Whylest the sayde B. of Winchester was nowe remaining beyond the seas, about the affaires aforesaide, y kings maiesty and the sayde Archbishop, hauing conference together for reformation of some superstitious enormities in the Church: amongst other things, the king determined forthwith

should altogether be apprehended in manner as is here declared.

The King remoueth Willely L. Chancellour.

The L. Chancellour commaunded to be nauant out of the K. sight. Whiche deuise & Wynchesters platforme lye in the duste.

The Q. maketh excuse for her enemye.

The Queene by Gods meruelous blessing deliuered of al her aduersitye.

Steue Gardiner Ambassadour.

Winchester a great hinderer of the course of the Gospell.