

that he would not suffer the Judges to speake.

To whom the B. disdainfully answered: Well say. Deane, you must say somewhat. And likewise at another tyme as the Deane was speaking, he interrupted him, and sayd, You may speake when your tyme cometh.

Then said Secretary Smith, I would you knewe your duetic.

I would (quoth he agayne) you knewe it as wel as I, with an infinite moze of other such stubburne and contemptuous talke and behaviour towardes them, which the Commissioners waying, and perceiuyng no likelihood of any tractable reason in hym, determined that the Archbishop with their whole consent, should at that present there openly read and publish their finall Decree or Sentence definitive agaynst hym. which he did, pronouncing hym thereby, to be cleane deprived from the Bishopricke of London, and further as in the same appeareth, in tenour as followeth.

¶ Sententia deprivationis lata contra Edmundum London. Episcopum.

IN Dei nomine, Amen. Nos Thomas misericordie diuina Cantuar. Archiepiscopus, totius Angliæ Primas & Metropolitanus, Nicholaus eadem misericordie Roffensis Episcopus, Thom. Smith Miles, illustrissimi in Christo principis & Domini nostri, Domini Edwardi sexti, Dei gratia, Angliæ, Franciæ, & Hybernici Regis, fidei defensoris, & in terris Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ, & supremi capitis, Secretariorum principalium alter, & Wilhelmus May Iuris ciuiliis Doctor Ecclesiæ cathedralis diui Pauli Decanus dicti illustrissimi principis, & domini nostri Regis ad infra scripta vna cum eximio viro Domino Wilhelmo Petro Milite, eiusdem serenissimæ Regiæ maiestatis, etiam Secretariorum principalium altero, commissarij siue iudices delegati cum ista clausa, videlicet. Deputamus vos quinque, quatuor vel tres vestrum, &c. Recl. & legitime deputati contra te Edmundum permissione diuina London. episcopum in causa & causis, in literis commissionalibus dictæ serenissimæ Regiæ maiestatis express. & specificat. ritè & legitime procedentes, & iudicialiter in quirentes, auditis que per nos, & intellectis ac primo examine debite mature discussis, meritis & circumstantijs, causæ & causarum inquisitionis huiusmodi, seruatisque vltimis per nos, de iure in hac parte seruandis in presentia tui Episcopi, antedicti, iudicialiter coram nobis constituti, ac protestantis de coactione, & de cæteris, prout in vltima protestatione hodie per te facta continetur, ad definitionem causæ & causarum huiusmodi, prolationemque sententiæ nostræ, siue nostri finalis decreti, super eisdem ferendæ sic duximus procedendum, & procedimus in hunc qui sequitur modum. Quia tam per acta inactitata, deducta, proposita, exhibita, allegata, probata, pariter & confessata in causa & causis huiusmodi, facta, habita, & gesta, quam per confessionem tuam propriam, factique notorietatem & alia legitima documenta, euidentem inuenimus, & compertum habemus te præfatum Episcopum London. inter cætera, pro meliori officij tui pastoralis administratione, in mandatis habuisse, vt de his qui duas aut tres vxores vt maritos in vnu haberent aut qui externos & non probatos Ecclesiæ ritus in hoc regno sequerentur, quibus rebus, tua Diocesis & Londinens. præcipue erat infamatum, inquireret te que ea facere omnino neglexisse. Item expresse tibi per Regiam Maiestatem præscriptum fuisse vt ipse Episcopus adesses concionibus ad crucem Pauli habitis, tam vt eas honestas tua presentia, quam vt possis eas accusare, (si qui male ibidem concionarentur) te tamen contra non solum abijisse, sed etiam scriptis litteris, Maiorem London. & Aldermannos, vt inde recederent admonuisse & exhortatum fuisse. Item inter alia quoque per Regiam Maiestatem tibi iniuncta in mandatis tibi datum fuisse, quod articulum quendam, statum reipubl. tunc perniciosissima rebellionis, & proditorum contra illum articulum sententiam grauissime perturbatæ precipue concernend. & propterea supremum necessarium & specialiter tibi iniunctum videlicet.

Ye shall also set forth in your Sermon, that our autoritie of our Royall power is (as of truth it is) of no lesse authoritie and force in this our younger age, then is and was of any of our predecessours, though the same were much elder, as may appear by example of Josias and other young Kinges in Scripture. And therefore all our Subiectes to bee no lesse bounde to the obedience of our preceptes, lawes, and statutes, then if we were xxx. or xl. yeares of age.

Apud crucem siue suggestum Diui Pauli London. certo die tibi in ea parte præfixo, & limitato in publica tua concione, tunc & ibidem populo recitares, & explicares, teque modo & forma premissa eundem articulum iuxta mandatum, & officij tui debitum recitare & explicare minime curasse, sed contumaciter & inobedienter omisisse, in maximum Regiæ Maiestatis contemptum, ac in eius regni præiudicium non modicum, necnon in subditorum suorum malum & perniciosum exemplum, contu-

matiamque & inobedientiam multiplicem tam in hac nostra inquisitione, quam alias perpetrasse, commississe & contraxisse. Idcirco nos Thomas Cantuariens. Archiepiscopus Primas & Metropolitanus, iudexque delegatus antedictus Christi nomine primitus inuocato, ac ipsum solum Deum oculis nostris præponentes, de & cum expresso consensu pariter & assensu Collegarum nostrorum prædictorum vna nobiscum assidentium, deque & cum concilio Iurisperitorum, cum quibus communicamus in hac parte. Te Edmundum London. Episcopum antedictum a tuo Episcopatu London. vna cum suis iuribus & pertinentibus commoditatibus, & cæteris emolumentis quibuscunque deprimendum & prorsus amouendum fore de iure debere, pronunciamus decernimus & declaramus pro vt per presentes sic deprimamus & amouemus per hanc nostram sententiam definitiuam siue hoc nostrum finale decretum, quam siue quod ferimus & promulgamus in his scriptis.

which ended, the B. immediately did therefrom appeale by word of mouth, alledgyng that the same sentence there geue against him, was Lex nulla. The tenor of whose wordes I thought here to expresse, accordyng as they were by him vttered, in this wise as followeth.

I Edmund Byshop of London, brought in and kepte here as a prisoner agaynst my consent and wyll, doe vnder my former protestation heretofore made, and to the intent it may also appeare, that I haue not beyng so here in this place, consented nor agreed to any thyng done agaynst me, and in my preiudice, alledge and say that this sentence geuen here agaynst me, is Lex nulla, and so farre forth, as it shall appeare to be Aliqua, I doe say it is Iniqua and Iniusta, and that therefore I doe from it, as Iniqua and Iniusta, appeale to the most excellent and noble King, Edward the sixt, by the grace of God, Kyng of England, Fraunce, and Ireland, defender of the fayth, and of the Church of England and also of Ireland, next and immediately vnder G O D here in earth supreme head, and vnto hys Courte of Chancerie or Parliament, as the lawes, statutes, and ordinaunces of this Realme, wyll suffer and beare in this behalfe, desyryng instantly first, second and third, accordyng to the lawes, Letters reuerenciall or demissories, to be geuen and deliuered vnto mee in this behalfe, with all thynges expedient, requisite, or necessarie in any wyse: and thereupon also the sayd Bishop required the Publike Notary or Actuary William Saye, to make an Instrument, and the witnessse afore sayde and other present to recorde the same. To whom so appealyng, and requiryng as afore, the sayde Judges delegate sayd, that they wyll declare and signifie to the Kinges Maiestie, what is done in this matter, and thereupon will deferre or not deferre to his sayde appellation, accordyng as hys graces pleasure and commaundement shall be to them in that behalfe: and after all this, the sayd Byshop of London sayd to them, I am functi estis officio. What wyll your grace doe with me nowe, touchyng my imprisonment? wyll ye kepe me still in prison? shall I nor now be at liberty to prosecute myne appeale? To whom the Archb. aunsweryng, sayd, that they perceyued now more in that matter then they did at the first, & that this matter is more greater rebellion then he is ware of, and therefore said, that as yet they would not discharge him, and thereupon they committed him agayne to his keeper to prison.

This talke finished, the Archbishop considering that most of the audience there present, did not understand the meanyng of the sentence beyng read in the Latin tongue, sayd vnto them: Because there be many of you here that understand not the Latine tongue, and so cannot tel what iudgement hath bene here geuen, I shall therefore shewe you the effect thereof: and therewith did declare in English, the causes expressed in the sentence, adding then thereto these wordes.

Because my L. of London is found guilty in these matters, therefore we haue here by our sentence deprived hym of our bishopricke of London: and this we shew vnto you to the intent that from henceforth ye shall not esteeme hym any moze as B. of London.

Then Boner desired the Archbishop, to declare likewise what he had done, and how he had appealed. But the other seing his frowards contempt, refused it, sayng, ye may doe it your selfe, wherupon very disdainfully againe he sayd, I am functi estis officio. What will your grace do w me touchyng my imprisonment: will you kepe me still in prison?

To whom the commissioners answered, that they perceiued now moze in the matter then they did before, & that his behaviour was moze greater rebellion then hee was ware of, and therefore they would not discharge hym, but committed him agayne to his keeper to be kept in prison. Where he most iustly remained until the decty of that most worthy & godly prince King Edward the sixt. After which time he wrought most horrible mischiefes and cruelties against the saunts of God, as appeareth hereafter throught out

Boner with his tauntes,

Secretary Smith,

Boner,

The contemptuous talke of Boner,

The words of Boner appealing from the Sentence definitive,

Letters reuerenciall or demissories,

The Archb. declarati the effecte of Boners Sentence in English,

Boner deprived and vnbishoped,

Boners disdainfull wordes to the Commissioners,

Boner agayne committed to his keeper,