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And likewiſe do you geue to euery of the ſayd houſholders ſtraightly in commaundement, that they or theyr wiues depart not out of the ſaid Citie vntill this holy tyme of Eaſter be paſt.

ABout the ſame yeare and time, when Doct. Woner ſet forth this preſcript or monitory, there came from the Queene another proclamation againſt ſtraungers and forreiners within this realme. The purpoſe & intent of which proclamation, becauſe it chiefly and moſt ſpecially concerned religion and doctrine, and the true profeſſors thereof, I thought here to annex the tenor and maner of the ſame.

* A copy of the Queenes Proclamation for the driuing out of the Realme Straungers and Forreiners.

Q Maryes proclamation for driuing out of ſtraungers.

THE Queene our ſoueraigne Lady vnderſtanding that a multitude of euill diſpoſed perſons, being borne out of her highnes dominions in other ſondry nations, flying from the obedience of the Princes and Rulers vnder whom they be borne, ſome for hereſie, ſome for murder, treaſon, robbery, and ſome for other horrible crimes, be reſorted into this her maieties Realme, and heere haue made theyr demour, and yet be commorant and lingring, partly to eſchew ſuch conding puniſhment as their ſaid horrible crimes deſerue, and partly to dilate, plant, and ſowe the ſeedes of their malicious doctrine and lewd conuerſation among the good ſubiectes of this her ſaid Realme, of purpoſe to infect her good ſubiectes with the like, in ſo much as (beſides innumerable hereſies, which diuers of the ſame being heretickes haue preached and taught within her highnes ſayd Realme) it is aſſuredly knowne vnto her Maieſty, that not only their ſecret practiſes haue not ſayled to ſtirre, comfort and ayde dyuers her highnes ſubiectes to this moſt vnnaturall rebellion againſt God and her grace, but alſo ſome other of them deſiſt not ſtill to practiſe with her people eſcapes to rebell, her Maieſtie therefore hauing (as afore is ſayd) knowledge and intelligence hereof, hath for remedie herein determined, and moſt ſtraightly charged and commaundeth, that all and euery ſuch perſon or perſons borne out of her highnes dominions, now commorant or reſident within this Realme, of whatſoever Nation or Countrey, being eyther Preacher, Printer, Bookeſeller, or other Artiſicer, or of whatſoever calling elle, not being Denizen or Marchant knowne, vſing the trade of Marchandize, or ſeruant to ſuch Ambaſſadours as be liegers here from the Princes and States ſoyred in league with her grace, ſhall within 24. dayes after this Proclamation, auoyde the Realme, vpon payne of moſt grieuous puniſhment by enpriſonment and forfeiture and confiscation of all their goodes and mouebles; and alſo to be deliuered vnto their naturall Princes, or Rulers, againſt whoſe perſons or lawes they haue offended. Geuing to all Mayors, Sheriſſes, Byliffes, Conſtables, and all other her miniſters, officers, and good ſubiectes, ſtraightly alſo in charge, if they knowe any ſuch perſon not borne in the Queenes highnes dominions (except before excepted) that ſhall after the time and day limited in this Proclamation, tarry within this Realme, that they ſhall apprehende the ſame perſon or perſons, and commit him or them to ward, there to remayne without bayle or maynepriſe, till her graces pleaſure or her Counſayles be ſignified vnto them for the further ordering of the ſayde perſon or perſons. And that if any other ſayde officers, after the ſayd 24. dayes apprehend, take, or knowe of any ſuch, they ſhall with diligence immediately certifie her ſayd Councille thereof, to the intent order may forthwith be geuen for their puniſhment according.

Causes layd agaynſt ſtraungers.

Pet. Marſke and Iohannes Alaco, baniſhed the realme.

Englishmen fled out of the realm for religion. The number of English exiles well neare 800. perſons. March. 15. Lady Elizabeth and Lord Courtney vpon ſuſpicion of Syr Thom. Wyats riſing committed to the Tower.

In the meane while, vpon the Proclamation before mentioned, not only ſtraungers in Sr. Edwards time reſorted into the Realme for Religion, and who was Sr. Marſke, John Alaco vncle to the King of Hololand, but many Englishmen fled ſome to Iſreeland, ſome to Cleueland, ſome to high Germany, where they were diuerſly ſcattered into diuers companies & congregations, at Weſell, at Frankford, Emden, Markpurgh, Strausborough, Waſill, Arow, Zurich, Bencua, and other places: where by the prouidence of God they were all ſuſtained, and there entertained with greater fauour among ſtraungers abroad, then they could be in their owne countrey at home, well neare to the number of 800. perſons, Students, & other together. In the ſaide moneth of March, the Lozde Courtney Earle of Deuonſhire, whom the Queene at her liſt certeing deliuered out of the Tower, and Lady Elizabeth alſo the Queenes Siſter, were both in ſuſpection to haue conſented to Wiats conſpiracie, and for the ſame this March were apprehended and committed to the Tower. Touching the impriſonment of which Lady Elizabeth and the Lozde Courtney, thou ſhalt note heere for thy learning (good Reader) a politike point of practiſe in Steuen Gardiner Biſhop of Wint. nor vnworthy to be conſidered. This Gardiner being alwayes a capitall enemy to the

Lady Elizabeth, and thinking nowe by the occaſion of maſter wyate to picke out ſome matter againſt the Lozde Courtney, and ſo in the end, to entangle the Lady Elizabeth, deuiled a peſtilent practiſe of conueyance, as in the ſtoy heere following may appeare.

The ſtoy is this. The ſame day that Sir Tho. wyate died, he deſired the Lieutenant to bring him to the preſence of the Lozde Courtney, who there before the Lieutenant and the Sheriſſes, kneeling downe vpon his knees, beſought the Lozde Courtney to forgiue him, for that he had faulſly accuſed both the Lady Elizabeth and him, and ſo being brought from thence vnto the ſcaffold to ſuffer, there openly in the hearing of all the people cleared the Lady Elizabeth, and the Lozde Courtney to be free and innocent from all ſuſpicion of that commotion. At which confeſſion, Doctor Weſton there ſtanding by, cryed to the people, ſaying: Beleue him not good people, for he confeſſed otherwiſe before vnto the Councille.

A poynt of practiſe of Ste. Gardiner agaynſt the Lady Elizabeth.

D. Weſton agaynſt the Lady Elizabeth.

After the execution done of Sir Thomas wyat, which was the 11. day of April, word was brought immediately to the Lozde Maior Sir Thomas white, a little before dinner, how maſter wyate had cleared the Lady Elizabeth and Lozde Courtney, and the wordes alſo which Doctor Weſton ſpake vnto the people, wherunto the Lozde Maior anſwering: Is this true quoth he? ſaid Weſton ſo: In ſooth I neuer toke him otherwiſe but for a knaue. Vpon this, the Lozde Maior ſitting downe to dinner (who dyed the ſame day at the Bridgchouſe) commeth in Sir Martin Bowes with the Recorder, newly come from the Parliament houſe, who hearing of the Maior and Sheriſſes this report of wiats confeſſion, both vpon the Scaffold and alſo in the Tower, marueiled thereat, declaring how there was another tale contrary to this, told the ſame day in the Parliament houſe, which was, that Sir Thomas wyate ſhould deſire the Lozde Courtney to confeſſe the truth, ſo as he had done before.

The Lord Mayors iudgement of D. Weſton.

Vpon this it followed not long after that a certaine prettice dwelling in S. Laurence lane, named Cut, as he was drinking with one Denha a plaſterer being one of Queene Maryes ſeruants, amongſt other talk made mentiō how Sir Thomas wyate had cleared the Lady Elizabeth and the Lozde Courtney, to be no coſenters to his riſing, which wordes being brought to Gardiner (by what meanes I know not) incontinent vpon the ſame, Syr Andrew Jude was ſent by the ſayd Biſhop to the Lozde Maior, commaunding him to bring the ſaid prettice to the Star Chamber, which was accuſed of theſe wordes, that he ſhould ſay that wyat was conſtrained by the Councille to accuſe the Lady Elizabeth and the Lozde Courtney, which fellow when he was come to the Starre Chamber, the aforeſaid Gardiner letting paſſe other matters that were in hand, began to declare to the whole multitude, how miraculoſly almighty God had brought the Queenes Maieſty to the Crowne, & whole Realme in a maner being againſt her, & that he had brought this to paſſe for this ſingular intent and purpoſe, that this Realme being overwhelmed with hereſies, ſhee might reduce againe the ſame vnto the true Catholicke faith. And where ſhe toke the Lady Elizabeth into her fauour, and loued her ſo tenderly, and alſo the Lozde Courtney, who of long time had bene deteined in priſon, and by her was let at libertie, and receiued great benefices at her hands, and notwithstanding all this, they had conſpired moſt vnnaturally and traiterouſly againſt her with that haynons Waytour wiate, and by the confeſſion of wyate (ſayde he) and the letters ſent to and fro may playnely appeare: Yet there was ſome in the City of London, whiche reported that wyat was conſtrained by the Councille to accuſe the Lady Elizabeth and the Lozde Courtney, & yet you my Lozde Maior (quoth he) haue not ſene the ſame written.

Cut prettice in London brought before Ste. Gardiner.

Ste. Gardiners tale in the Starre chamber agaynſt the Lady Elizabeth.

The party is heere, ſayd the Lozde Maior. Take hym with you (ſaid Gardiner) and puniſh him according to his deſert, & ſaid further: My Lozde, take heed to your charge, the Citie of London is a whorlepoole and ſinke of all euill rumours, there they be bred, and from thence ſpread into all partes of this Realme.

There ſaid by the ſame time the Lozde Shandoy, who being then Lieutenant of the Tower, and now hearing the Biſhop thus ſpeake, to ſooth his tale, came in wyth theſe wordes as followeth.

My Lozdes (quoth he) this is a truethe that I ſhall tell you, I being Lieutenant of the Tower when wyat liſted he deſired me to bring him to the Lozde Courtney, which when I had done, he fell downe vpon his knees before him in my preſence, and deſired him to confeſſe the truth of him ſelfe, as he had done before, and to ſubmit himſelfe vnto the Queenes Maieſties mercy.

And thus much I thought of this matter to declare, to the intent that the Reader perceiuing the proceedings of the

The Lord Shandoyes falſe report in the Starre chamber, agaynſt Lady Elizabeth and Lord Courtney.