

{Anno } day was fortnight?
 {1558.} And I sayd, in no place.
 Then the Constable of S. Brides, beinge there, made
 sute for me.
 And Darbithyre demanded of him if hee would be
 bounde for me.
 He answered, yea. And so he was bounde for my ap-
 pearance betwixt that and Christmasse.
 Then Darbithyre sayd: you be Constable, and should
 geue her godd counsell.
 So do I quoth he. For I bid her goe to Masse, and to
 say as you say. For by the Masse, if you say the Crowe is
 white, I will say so too.

The Con-
stable of S.
Brides
surety for
Iulian Lis-
ting.

Living and
his wyfe
deliuered
by the
death of Q.
Mary.

Ioh. Lithall
brought to
examinatio
by Iohn
Auales.

Lithall
brought be-
fore D.
Darbithyre
Chauncel-
lour.

Talke be-
tweene Lis-
thall and
the Chaunc-
cellour.

Iustificatio
by fayth
only.

And thus much concerning the examination of william
 Living and his wife, whom although thou seest heere
 deliuered: through the request of women, bys Iureries, yet
 it was no doubt, but that the deadly sickness of Queene
 Marie abated and hided then the crueltie of those Sa-
 pists, which other wise would neuer haue let them goe.

The trouble and deliuerance
of Iohn Lithall.

At the taking of william Living, it happened that cer-
 taine of his Bookes were in the custodie of one Iohn
 Lithall, whyche knowen, the Constable of the ward
 of Southwarke, with other of the Queenes seruantes,
 were sent to his house, who breaking open his boxes and
 chests, took away not onely the bookes of the sayde william
 Living, but also all his owne bookes, wyppings, and
 billes of debites, which he neuer had againe. All this while
 Lithall was not at home.

The next Saterdaye after, as hee was returned, and
 knowen to be at home, Iohn Auales and certaine of the
 Queenes seruantes besette his house all the night, with
 such carefull watch, that as he in the morning issued out of
 his doores, thinking to escape their handes, Iohn Auales
 suddenly brusting out vpon him, cried, stop the traitor, stop
 the traitor, wherat Lithall being amaled, looked backe.

And to Iohn Auales came running to him, with other
 that were with him, saying: ha I pray you are a pery tra-
 itorly fellow in dedde: we haue had some what to do to get
 you. To whom he answered, that he was a truer man to
 the Queenes maiestie then he. For you (sayd he) are com-
 manded by God to kepe holy the Sabbath day, and you
 seeke to shed your neighbours blood on the Saboth day.
 Remember that you must answer therfore to God. But
 he said, come on you villaine, you must goe before y coun-
 sell. So was Lithall brought into Saules Churchyard to
 the bishops Chauncellour, by Iohn Auales, saying, that
 he had there caught the Captaine of these fellowes, and so
 caused him to be called to examination before D. Darbi-
 thyre, who entred with him talke in this wise.

Chaunc. What countrey man are you?

Lithall. I am an Englishman, borne in Staffordshire.

Chaunc. Where were you brought vp?

Lith. In this our countrey of England.

Chaunc. In what Uniuersitie?

Lith. In no Uniuersitie, but in a free schoole.

Chaunc. We haue had certaine bookes from your house &
wyppings, wherem is both treason and heresie.

Lith. Syr, there is neither treason nor heresie in them.

Chaunc. The he asked for certain other men that I knew.

Lith. If you haue ought to lay to my charge, I will an-
swer it: but I wil haue no other mans blood vpo my hed.

Chaunc. Why come you not to the Church? Of what
Church be you, that you come not to your owne Parish
Church?

Lithall. I am of the Church of Christ, the fountaine of all
goodnesse.

Chaunc. Haue you no ministers of your church but Christ.

Lith. We haue others.

Chaunc. Where be they?

Lith. In the whole world dispersed, preaching and profes-
sing the Gospell and faith onely in our Saviour Iesus, as
he commaunded them.

Chauncellour. You boast muche every one of you of your
faith and beliefe: Lette me heare therfore the effecte howe
you beleue.

Lith. I beleue to be iustified freely by Christe Iesu, accor-
ding to the saying of S. Paule to the Ephesians, without
either deddes or workes, or any thing that may be inuen-
ted by man.

Chaunc. Faith can not saue without workes.

Lith. What is contrary to the doctrine of the Apostles.

Chaunc. Iohn Auales, you and the Keeper haue this fel-
low to prison.

Clunie, and Iohn Auales. Then Iohn Auales and Clunie
the Keeper had me into Saules, and would haue had me

to haue seene the apostles masse.
 Lithall. I knowe none the Apostles had, and therfore I
 will see none.
 Clunie, and Iohn Auales. Come kneele downe before the
 roode, and say a Pater noster and an Ave in the worship of
 the fiue woundes.
 Lith. I am forbidden by Gods owne mouth to kneele to
 any Idooll or Image: therfore I will not.

Then they pulled me with great extremitie, y one ha-
 ving me by one arme, and the other by the other, but God
 gaue me at that present time more strength then both these,
 his name be praised for it.

Then when they coude not make me to kneele before
 the roode, neither to see their Masse, there gathered a great
 company about vs, and all against me. Some spit on me,
 and sayd: sic on thee hereticke, and other said it was pite
 I was not burned already.

Then they caried me to Lollardes Tower, and han-
 ged me in a great paire of stockes, in the which I lay three
 daies and three nightes, till I was so lame that I coude
 neither sturre nor moue.

Then I offered the Keeper certaine money and gold
 that I had about me, to release me out of the stockes, and
 he sayde I would not be ruled by him, neither to see masse
 nor to kneele before the Roode, and therfore I should lye
 there still. But I sayde I would neuer doe the thyng that
 should be againste my conscience, and thoughte you haue
 lamed my body, yet my conscience is whole, I praise God
 for it. So shortly after he lette me out of the stockes, more
 for the loue of my money (as it maye be thoughte) then for
 any other affection, and within four or fure daies my wife
 gott leaue of maister Chauncellour to come to mee, to
 bring me suche things as were needefull for me, and there
 I lay fure weekes and odde dayes. In the which time di-
 uers of my neighbours and friends made sute to the
 Chauncellour for my deliuerance, the Bishop, as they sayd,
 at that time being at Fulham sick. So my neighbors be-
 ing there, aboute twentie of them, the Chauncellour sent
 for me out of the Lollardes Tower to his owne house, and
 sayde as followeth.

Chauncellour. Lithall, heere be of thy neighbours whych
 haue bene with me to intreat for thee, and they haue infor-
 med me that thou hast bene a very honest & a quiet neigh-
 bor amongst them, and I thincke it be Gods will that I
 should deliuer thee before my Lorde come home. For if he
 come and thou go home againe, I will be burned for thee,
 for I knowe his minde already in that matter.

Lith. I geue you hearty thanks for your gentlenesse, and
my neighbours for their good report.

Chauncellour. Lithall, if thy neighbours will be bounde
for thy worth comming wherocner thou shalt be called for,
and also thou wilt be an obedient subiect, I shall be content
to deliuer thee.

Neighbours. If it please your worship, we will be bounde
for him both in body and goodes.

Chauncellour. I will require no such bond of you, but that
two of you will be bound in 20. pound a peere, that he shal
come to answer when he shall be called.

Lithall. Where finde you, maister Chauncellour in all the
Scripture, that the Church of God did binde any manie
for the profession of his faith? whiche profession you haue
heard of me, that all oure iustificatio, righte iustnesse, and
saluation, cometh ouely and freely by the merites of our
Saviour Iesus Christe, and all the inuencions & workes
of men, be they neuer so glorious, be all together vaine, as
the wise man sayeth.

Chauncellour. Doe, wher here he is now, I put no such matter
to you: for in that I beleuee as you doe: but yet S. James
sayth that a man is iustificed by workes.

Lithall. Sainte James spake to those that boasted them-
selues of faith, and shewed no workes of faith. But D
maister Chauncellour, remember I praye you, howe all
the promises and Prophecies of the holy Scripture, euen
from the first promise that God made to Adam, and so e-
uen to the latter ende to the Reuelation of Sainte Iohn,
doe testifie that in the name of Iesus, and onely by his
merites, all that beleuee shalbe saued from all their sinnes
and offences. He sayeth: I am founde of them that sought
mee not, and am manifest to them that asked not after mee: but
against Israel he sayeth: All daye long haue I stretched oute
my hande to a people that beleuee not. And when the Jewes
asked S. Paule what he shoulde doe to be saued, the Apo-
stle sayde: Beleuee in the Lorde Iesus, and thou shalt be saued
and all thy household.

Again, S. Iohn sayeth in the Reuelation, that there
was none, neither in heauen, nor in earth, neither vnder y
earth, that was able to open the booke nor y scales therof,
but onely the Lambe Iesus our onely Saviour. And S.
Paule

Lithall denyeth
to kneele before
the Roode.

Lithalls neigh-
bours make sute
for him.

S. James ex-
pounde.

Esay. 66.

Actes. 16.