

the truth.

L. Keeper. But how say you, my Lord Abbot, are you of the mynde it shalbe read?

Abbot. Yea forsooth, my lord, I am very wel pleased with all. Harpsfield being inquired his mind, thought as the other did.

L. Keeper. My Lordes, sith that ye are not willing but refuse to read your writing after the order taken, we will breake vp and departe: and for that ye will not that we should heare you, you may perhaps shortly heare of vs.

Thus haue we declared the order and maner of this communication or conference, at westminster, betweene these two parties, wherein if any law or order were broken, iudge (good reader) wher the fault was, and consider with al what these papistes be, from whō if ye take away their sword and authority from them, you see all their cunning how loone it lyeth in the dust, or els why would they not abide the trial of writing: why would they or durst they not stande to the order agreed vpon? whether should we say ignorance or stubbernes to be in them more, or both together: who first being gently (as is sayd) and favourably required to keep the order appointed, they would not. Then being secondly (as appeared by the Lord Keepers words) pressed more earnestly, they neither regarding the authority, &c. of that place, nor their owne reputation, nor the credits of the cause, vicerly refused that to doe. And finally being agayne particularly enery of them aparte distinctly by name required to vnderstande theyr opinions therein, they al, sauing one (which was the Abbot of Westminster, having some more consideration of order and bys duety of obedience then the other) vicerly and playnly denyed to haue theyr booke read, some of them as more earnestly then other, some to also, some other more vnderreerly, and vncurrently then others. wherupon geuing such example of disorder, stubbernes, and selfe will, as hath not bene seene and suffered in such an honorable assembly, being of the two estates of this Realme, the nobility and the commons, beside the presence of the Queenes Maiesties most honorable priuy counsell, the same assembly was dismissed, and the Godly and most Christian purpose of the Queenes Maiesties made frustrate. And afterward for the contempt so notoriously made, the Bishopp of Winchester & Lincoln, hauing most obstinately both disobeyed commaund authority, and vayed manifestly from theyr owne order, and specially Lincoln, who shewed more folly then the other: were condignely committed to the Tower of London, and the rest (sauing the Abbot of Westminster) stode bound to make dayly theyr personall appearaunce before the counsell, and not to depart the Citie of London and Westminster, vntill further order were taken wigh the for their disobedience and contempt.

Besides the former protestation or libell written and exhibited by the Protestantes, concerning the first question, there was also an other like writing of the sayde Protestantes made of the second question, but not published, which if it come to our hand, we will likewise impart vnto thee.

As these Bishops abone named were committed to the Tower, so Boner Bishop of London, about the same time, was commaunded to the Marshalsea, whereas hee both in his blinde bloody herey, and also in his defected captivity long remayned, abiding the Queenes pleasure, gods pleasure, I beseech him, to be wrought on that person, that the Church of Christes flocke, if they can take or looke for no goodnesse of that man to come, yet they maye take of him and of other no more harme hereafter, the they haue done already. we al beseech thee this O Lord eternal per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Aboute this time, at the beginning of the flourishing reign of Queene Elizabeth, was a Parliament summoned, and holden at westminster, wherein was much debating about matters touching religion, and great study on both parties employed, the one to retaine still, the other to impugne the doctrine and faction which before in queene Marias time had bene established. But especially here is to be noted that though they lacked no industry on the papistes side, to holde fast that, which they most cruelly from time to time had studied, & by al means practised to come by: yet notwithstanding, such was the providence of God at that time, that for lacke of the other bishops, whome the Lozde had taken away by deach a little before, the residue

that there were left, could doe the lesse: and in very deede, God be prayesed therefore, did nothing at all in effect. Although yet notwithstanding they lacked in them neither will nor labour to do what they could, if their cruell abilitie there might haue serued. But namely amongst all other, nor onely the industrious courage of Doctor Story but also his wordes in this Parliament are worthy to be knowne of posteritie, who like a stout and furious champion of the popes side, to declare himselfe howe lustre hee was, & what he had and would do in his maiesters quartrell, shamed not openly in the saide Parliament house to blast out into such impudent sort of words, as was wonder to all good eares to heare, and no lesse worthy of his story.

The summe of which his shameles talke was vttered to this effect, first beginning with himselfe, hee declared, that where as he was noted commonly abroad, and much complaind of, to haue bene a great doer, and a setter forth of such religion, orders, and proceedings, as of hys late soueraigne that dead is, Queene Mary, were set forth in this Realme, hee denied nothing the same, protesting moreover that he therein had done nothing, but that both his conscience did lead him thereunto, and also his commission did as wel then commaund him, as now also doth discharge hym for the same, being no lesse ready now also to doe the like, and more, in case hee by this Queene were authorized likewise, and commaunded thereunto. wherfore as I see (sayth he) nothing to be ashamed of, so lesse I see to be sorry for, but rather sayd that he was sorry for thys, because he had done no more, the hee did, and that in executing those lawes, they had not bene more veyement and severe, whererein he sayd, there was no default in him, but in them, whom he both ofte and earnestly had exhorted to the same, being therefore not a little greened with them, for that they laboured onely about the young and litle sprigges and twigges, whyle they should haue stroken at the roote, and cleane haue roored it out. &c. And concerning his persecuting and burning them, hee denyed not, but that he was once at the burning of an here wygge (for so he termed it) at Wybridge, where he tosse a faggot at his face as hee was singing psalmes, and set a wyndbushe of rhymes vnder his feete, a little to pycke him, wigh many other words of like effect. In the whiche words he named moreover s; Phillip Hobby, & an other knight of Kent, wigh such other of the richer and higher degree, whom his Counsell was to plucke at: & to vying them vnder coram, whererein sayd he if they had followed my aduise, then had they done well and wisely. This or much like was the effect of the shameles and tyrannicall excuse of hym selfe, more meete to speake with the voyce of a beast, then of a man.

Although in this Parliament some diuersitie there was of iudgement & opinion betweene parties, yet notwithstanding through the mercifull goodnes of the Lord, the true cause of the Gospell had the upper hand, the papistes hope was frustrate, and theyr rage abated, the order and proceedings of king Edwardes time concerning religion was reuined agayne, the supremacy of the Pope abolished, the articles and bloodye statutes of Queene Mary repealed, by the furious firebrandes of cruell persecution, which had consumed so many poore nicas bodies, were now extinct and quenched.

Finally, the olde Bishops deposed, for that they refused the orde in renouncing the pope and not subscribing to the Queenes iust and lawfull title. In whose rowmes and places, first for Cardinal Doole, succeeded D. Matthew Parker, Archbishop of Canterbury. In the place of Bech, succeeded D. Young. In seeke of Boner, Edmund Brindall was Bishop of London. For Boyton, Thurlby Bonstall, Bates, Christopherson, Deto, Coates, Morgan, Feasy, White, Ogleshorpe, &c. were placed Doctor John Parkyn in Norwich, D. Loxe in Ely, Juell in Salisbury, Pilkenton in Durlesme, Doctor Sandes in Worcester, Myster Downam in Westchester, Bentam in Couentry and Lichfield, Dauid in S. Dautes, Ally in Exeter, Boyn in Winchester, Scoy in Hereford, West in Carlisle, Bullingham in Lincoln, Scamler in Hereberury, Bartler in Bath, Best in Worcester, Barlo in Chester, Barlo in Chl. &c.

D. Storyes impudent wordes in the Parliament.

The wordes of D. Story in the Parliament house.

This Martyr burnt at Wybridge was M. Denley.

Bishops committed to the Tower.

Boner cast in the Marshalsea.

¶ And here to make an end of this Story. Now it remaineth to proceed further to the Appendix in supplying such thinges as haue either bene omitted, or newly inserted, as foloweth.