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5 April [1533]

R. O. Rym. XIV. 454.

Pocock, II. 446.

**311. THE DIVORCE.**

Notarial attestation of the determination of the Convocation of Canterbury, begun 5 Nov. 1529, on the two points discussed in the King's divorce, determining, 1, that the Pope has no power of dispensing in case of a marriage where the brother's widow has been *cognita*. The house consisted of 66 theologians. The proxies were 197 ; the negatives 19. The second [146] question was, whether Katharine was *cognita*. The numbers present, 44 ; one holding the proxies of three bishops. Decided in the affirmative against five or six negatives. Dated 5 April 1533.

*Parchment decayed.*

R. O.

2. Another copy, certified only by Potkin and Argall.

Harl. 7032,

f. 141 b. B. M. Pocock, II. 449..

3. Another copy with the names of those who were present, and of the proxies ; and of the negatives, and of their proxies. Among the negatives are the bishops of Rochester and Llandaff, and the abbot of Winchcombe, Rich. Featherstone, Edw. Powell, and others. Among the canonists who voted a negative, John bishop of Bath, Adam Travers, and others.

*Modern copy. Lat.*

R. O.

4. Draft Bill for submitting the question of the King's marriage, which the Pope has kept for years undecided, to the judgment of the Archbishops Metropolitans of England, who shall call to their assistance the bishops and clergy, and decide upon the evidence laid before the two late Legates.<sup>1</sup>

*Large paper, pp. 9. In Cromwell's hand.*

R. O.

5. Draft Bill in Parliament, setting forth that **the clergy in Convocation have declared Henry's VIII.'s marriage with Katharine illegal**, and enabling him to marry again.

*Large paper, pp. 4. In Cromwell's hand.*

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<sup>1</sup> This document may have been drawn up early in 1531, when there seemed some hope of Pole accepting the archbishopric of York.