

knighte, to conclude a league betwene the kyng and the Duke of Farrar, without the kynges knowlege.

Item that he hauyng the Frenche pockes presumed to come & breth on the kyng.

Item, that he caused the Cardinalles hat to be put on the kynges coync.

Item, that he woulde not suffer the kynges clarke of the market, to sit at Sainet Talbons.

Item, that he had sent innumerable substaunce to Rome, for the obteynyng of his dignities to the greate empouerishment of the realme.

These Articles with many more, red in the common house, and signed with the Cardinalles hande, was confessed by hym, & also ther was shewed a writyng sealed with his Seale, by the whiche he gaue to the kyng all his mouables and vnmouables.

On the day of the conception of oure Lady, the kyng at Yorke place at Westminster, in the parliament tyme created the vicount Rochforth Earle of Wilshire, and the vicount Fitzwater, was created Earle of Sussex, and the Lorde Hastings was created Earle of Huntington.

When althynges were concluded in the Parliament house, the kyng came to the Parliament chambre the seuentene day of Decembre, and there put his royall assent, to althynges done by the Lordes and commons, and so proroged his court of Parliament, tyll the next yere.

After the Parliament was thus ended, the kyng remoued to Grenewiche and there kept his Christemas with the quene in greate triumph: with great plentie of viandues, and diuerse disguisynges and Enterludes, to the greate reioisying of his people.

You haue harde before how the Emperour and the Pope was at Bononie, wher the Emperour made great preparacion for the solempnisying of his coronacion, which was appointed to be of Sainet Mathias day, or the foure and twentie day of February, on whych day, he was borne, and that day also the French kyng was taken, and because that that day had ben euer fortunate to him he appointed his coronacion on that day: he appointed it also at that place, because he woulde the soner passe into Almayne, to appece suche strifes and debates as was risen betwene the princes there.

And so whā the day came & euery thing was redy, he was crowned Emperour, in the churche of. S. Peter, in the cite of Bononi by pope Clemēt the. vii. with al the ceremonies therto belōging. At this coronacio wer present the Dukes of Sauoy and Millayn, duke Frederik brother to the Palatine of Rine, and the deputies to all the seuen Electors and the moste parte of al the nobles of Italy, and Spayne. This coronacion was done with great solempnities, there was feastyng, iustyng and torney, and althynges that might sounde to honoure was there shewed, bothe in apparell, and viaunde: and after that the Emperoure and the Pope, with the hole college of Cardinalles, and al the noble men beyng present rode in procession through the hie stretes of Bononi, with suche a pompe and triumph as had not bene sene in Italy many yeres before.

While the Emperour lay thus at Bononie, the kyng of Englande was aduertised by his ambassadoures, whiche he had sent to diuers vniuersities for the assoluyng of the doubte cōcernyng his mariage, that the saied vniuersities wer agreed and had clerly concluded, that the one brother to mary the other brothers wife, carnally knowne was directlie against Gods lawe, and that the pope nor the court of Rome could in no wise dispence with the same.

Wherefore the kyng knowyng themperour and the bishop of Rome to be together at Bononie, determined to send thether a solempne ambassade, both to declare to them the law of God, and the determinacion of the vniuersities, and also to require the bishop of Rome to do Iustice accordyng to the treuth, and also to shewe to the Emperoure that the kyng did not moue this matter for any displeasure that he bare to him or the quene his awnt, but only for the discharge of his conscience, and for the quietnes of his Realme.

When this purpose was agreed by the kynges counsayle, the kyng appointed Sir Thomas Bulleyne

Bulleyne late created Earle of Wylshier and Doctor Stoksley elected bishop of London, and Doctor Edward Lee, his almoner, two great Clarkes, for his ambassadours & with them he sēt diuers doctors both of the lawe & diuinitie. These ambassadours made greate preparacion, and about the begynnyng of Februarie thei set forward, and so muche thei traualled that they came to Sauoy wher the Duke in the fayre toune of Cambrey, caused them honorably to be receiued and fested.

So they passed the Mountaynes, and so through the duchie of Millain & by long iorneis thei came to Bononie in lent, wher they wer honorably receiued by the master of the Emperoures house, and diuers Lordes and Gentlemen belongyng to the Pope, and within short space the saied ambassadours were first conueighed to the Pope, and there declared ther message and shewed the determinacion of the great Doctors and famous vniuersities. Pope Clement whiche was a man of no learnyng but of a great wit made to them a gentle answer, and saied that he woulde here the matter disputed when he came to Rome and according to right he woulde do Iustice. But his entent was all contrarie, for he knew well that if he should geue sentence, that Pope Iuly coulde not dispence with the breache of Godes lawe, that then the auctoritie of the courte of Rome would litle be regarded, and also he feared the Emperours displeasure if he shoulde geue sentence againste his awnte, so that for feare of losing auctoritie, & of themperours displeasure, bishop Clement, durst not Iudge according to Goddes lawe. After they had bene with the Pope, they came to the Emperour, whiche them gently receiued, and after they had done their message, he answered them that he in no wise would be agaynst the lawe of God, and if the court of rome would adiudge that the matrimonie were not good, he would be cōtēt, but he thought all otherwise, for he solicited the pope & all the Cardinales which wer his frendes to stād by the dispēsaciō, which he iudged to be as strong as Goddes law. After this answer they toke ther leaue of the Emperour, which the nexte weke after departed out of Bononie towarde Almayne in good ordre of battail, he him selfe in gilt harnes, and his nobles in white harnes with riche cotes and trappers very curiously besene.

The Popes  
answer.

After that themperour was gon out of Bononie, the ambassadours of England toke there leaue of the bishop of Rome, whiche went toward Rome agayne, and returned toward England, through the Duchy of Millayn, whiche was receiued by the Earle Lodouick, great counsaylor to the Duke of Millain, which earle cōducted them through the whole Duchie of Millayne, & paied all their charges by the dukes cōmaudemēt. And whē these ambassadors wer passed the mountaynes, they receiued letters frō the kyng, which appoynted the Earle of Wilshire to go ambassade to the French king, which then lay at Burdeaux making prouision for money for the redemyng of his children: and the bishop of London was appoynted to go to Padua, and other vniuersities in Italy to know their opinions in the kynges cace, and the kynges almoner was apoynted to retorne into Englād, and so he did, thus was the end of this ambassad.

You haue hard before how the Cardinall was attainted in the premunire and how he was put out of the office of the chauncellor and lay at Asher: In this Lent season the kyng by the aduice of his counsayle licenced him to go into his diocesse of Yorke, and gaue him commaudemēt to kepe hym in his diocesse and not to returne southwarde without the kynges speciall licence in writyng.

So he made great prouision to go Northwarde and appareled his seruautes newly & bought many costely thinges for his houshold & so he might wel inough, for he had of the kynges gētlenes the bishoppricke of Yorke & Winchester, which wer no small thinges, but at this tyme diuers of his seruautes departed from him to the kynges seruice, and in especiall Thomas Cromwel one of his chief counsayle and chefe doer for him in the suppressiō of abbeis. After that al thinges necessarie for his iornay wer prepared, he toke his iorney northward til he came to Southwel which is in his dioces & ther he cōtinued this yere, euer grudg-  
ing at his fall as you shall here after: but the lādes which he had geuē to his Colleges in Oxforde & Ypswych, were now come to the kynges handes, by his atteinder in the premunire,  
and

Thomas  
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