

the kynges subiectes, whereby the kynges highnes, should not onely haue been put to perill of his life, but also in ieoperdy to be depriued from his crowne and dignitie royall.

And for a more playne and perticuler declaracion of the malicious & trayterous intentes of the sayd Elizabeth, Edward Bockyng, Ihon Deryng, Hugh Ryeche, Richard Rysby, & Henry Golde, they concluded by a confederacy among them selves eche with other, to set forth in sermons & prechynges thesayd Reuelacions to the people of this realme against the kynges Maiestie, whensocuer it should please ꝑ sayd Elizabeth to appoint them the tyme when they should so do, and agreed eche with other secretly, and set forth thesayd false and fayned reuelacions to their acquayntaunce and frendes in this realme, intending to make a great multitude of people of this realme, by their secret conspiracies, in an aptnes to receiue and take such their sermons and prechynges which they intended to make, as is aforesayd cōcernyng the premisses, trayterously intēdyng therby to put our sayd souereigne lord, not only in peril of his life, but also in ieopardye of losse and deprination of his crowne and dignitie royal of this realme, frō him & his lawfull succession for euer. And in accomplisshyng their false, trayterous, & malicious intentes against our sayd souereigne lord, they caused the said Elizabeth, at ii. tymes, secretly to declare the said false & fayned reuelacions to ii. of the Popes Orators and ambassadors at the Cities of Caūtorbury and London. At which tyme the sayd Henry Golde tooke vpon him to be interpretor therof, betwene the sayd Elizabeth & the sayd Orators named Anthony Pulleon: and the interpretor to the other Orator named Sylvester, was the fore-sayd Lawrence of Cauntorbury, to the entent the kynges highnes, and all his procedynges in thesayd deuorce and seperacion should be brought into an euil opinion with the Pope and other princes and Potentates. And the sayd Hugh Ryeche actually trauailed to sondry places of this realme, and made secrete relacion of the premisses concernyng the kynges highnes to diuers lordes bothe spiritual and temporal, and diuers other persones lay and lerned, seculer and religious. And the sayd Henry Gold ouer this, actually trauailed and made relacion therof to thesayd lady Katheryne princes dowager, to animate her to make commocion in this realme against our sayd souereigne lorde, surmytting that thesayd Elizabeth should haue by reuelacion of God, that the sayd lady Katheryne should prospere & do well, and that her issue the lady Mary the kynges daughter should prosper and reigne in this realme & haue many frendes to sustaine and maintayne her. And the sayd Elizabeth and Edward Bockyng, Ihon Deryng & Richard Master likewise actually trauailed to diuers places in this realme and made secrete relacion of thesayd false fayned hypocrysie and reuelacions of thesayd Elizabeth & gaue knowlege hereof to dyuers other sondry persones of this realme.

All whiche conspiracies and confederacies of thesayd Elizabeth, and other her complices aboue mencioned, was trayterously & maliciously deuised and practised by the sayd Elizabeth, Edward Bockyng, Ihon Deryng, Rychard Master, Henry Golde, Hugh Ryeche, and Rychard Rysby to the entent trayterously to destroy our sayd souereigne lorde, and to depriue him and his lawfull succession frō the crowne & dignitie royall of this realme, which matter hath been practised and imagined amongst them for the space of many yeres: whereof the whole circumstaunce were very long to be written in this acte. And the sayd Ihon Fysher bishop of Rochester and one Thomas Gold gentleman, and the sayd Thomas Lawrence, Edward Thwaytes, and Ihon Adeson chapelein to thesayd Ihon bi-hop of Rochester, hauyng knowlege of the false fayned and dissimuled reuelacions, trayterously cōspired against our sayd soueraigne lorde (as is aforesayd) did neuerthelesse make concelement therof, and vttered not the same to our sayd souereigne lorde, nor any his honorable counsail, against their dueties and allegeaunce in that behalfe.

And furthermore, the sayd Thomas Gold, for the accomplishment of his most trayterous intent, hath of late been a messenger frō thesayd Elizabeth, sihen she was in ward in the Tower of London for thesayd moste false and trayterous offences by her and her said complices committed and done, he then beyng at libertie, by his message hath comforted

dyuerse others to stande stify by her reuelacions, that they were of God: notwithstanding that she had confessed all her sayd falshed before diuers of the kynges counsailours, and that they were manifestly proued, found, and tryed moste false and vntrue: whiche thyng he did only to raise and put sedicion and murmur in the people against the kynges highnes, his crowne and dignitie royal. And one Thomas Abel clerke beyng of the confederacy aforesayd, and taking suche firme & constant credite to thesayd false and fayned reuelacions and miracles of thesayd Nonne; not onely caused to be Printed and set forth in this realme dyuers bookes against thesayd deuorce and separacion to the dislauder of our sayd souereigne lord, but also animated thesayd lady Katherine obstinately to persist in her wilful opinion against thesame deuorce and separacion: and after thesayd deuorce lawfully had, to vsurpe and take vpon her still to be quene, and procured diuers writynges to be made by her, by the name of Quene: and also procured and abbetted the seruauntes of thesayd Lady Katheryne against the kynges expresse commaundement and proclamacion, to name, call, accept, & repute thesayd lady Katherine for quene of this realme to the intent to make a cōmon diuision and rebellion in this realme to the great peril and daunger of our sayd souereigne lorde.

Thus muche haue I recited vnto you out of the act as it is there expressed worde for worde: now after foloweth the maner of her attainder and of the other as in the act more at large doeth appeare. But to conclude the xxi. day of April next folowyng she with other were drawn to Tyborne and there executed as most iustly they had deserued as you may perceiue by the premisses.

And at the place of execucion, and the present tyme that she suffered she sayd these wordes, "hether am I come to dye, and I haue not been the onely cause of myne owne death whiche most iustly I haue deserued, but also I am the cause of the death of all these persones whiche at this tyme here suffre: & yet to say the trueth, I am not somuche to be blamed cōsideryng it was well knowen vnto these lerned men y I was a poore wenche without learnyng and therefore they might haue easely perceiued that the thynges that were done by me could not procede in no suche sorte, but their capacities and learnyng could right well iudge from whence they proceded, and that they wer altogether fayned: but because the thynges whiche I fayned was profitable vnto them, therefore they muche praised me and bare me in hande that it was the holy ghost and not I that did them, and then I beyng puft vp with their praises fell into a certain pryde and folishe phantasie with my selfe and thought I might fayne what I would, whiche thing hath brought me to this case, and for the which now I cry God & the kynges highnes most heartely mercy, and desire all you good people to pray to God to haue mercy on me and on all them that here suffre with me."

In this parliament also was made the act of succession for the suertie of the crowne, to the whiche euery persone beyng of lawfull age should be sworne vpon the payne expressed in that acte, as in thesame ye may moste evidently see.

Monday the xxiii. day of Marche in the Parliament tyme, were solempnely receiued into London as ambassadors from Iames the v. king of Scottes, the bishop of Aberdyne, the Abbot of Kynlos & Adam Otterborne the kynges Attorney, with diuers gentlemen on them attēdant whiche were brought to the Taylers hall and there lodged. And on the day of the Annunciacion of our Lady they were brought to the kynges place at Westminster, where they shewed their commission and message, for the which the kyng appointed them dayes to cōsail. And shortly after commissioners were appointed as you shall heare. Duryng the Parliament tyne, euery sonday preached at Paules crosse a bishop, whiche declared the Pope not to be the head of the Church.

The xxx. day of Marche the Parliament was proroged, and there euery lorde and burges and all other, were sworne to the act of succession, and subscribed their handes to a Parchement fixed to thesame othe. This Parliament was proroged till the third day of Nouember next. After this, commissions were sent ouer all England to take the othe of all men and women to the act of succession, at whiche fewe repyned, except doctor Ihon Fysher, sir

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