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30 Oct. [1529]
Controlment
Roll, Mich.
21 Hen. VIII.
Rot. 36.
R. O.

6035. CARDINAL WOLSEY.

Bill of indictment preferred by Chr. Hales, attorney-general, against cardinal Wolsey, on the 9th Oct. 21 Hen. VIII., at Westminster, for having procured bulls from Clement VII. to make himself Legate, contrary to the statute of 16 Ric. II.; which bulls he published at Westm., 28 Aug. 15 Hen. VIII., and thereupon assumed and exercised the office of Legate; by virtue of which, on 27 July 21 Hen. VIII., he conferred upon James Gorton, clerk, the parish church of Stoke Gylford, Surrey, Winchester dioc., void by the death of Andrew Swynno, although Robert, prior of St. Pancras, Lewes, was the true patron. He also caused the wills of various persons dying in other dioceses than his own to be proved before his commissioners, instituted legatine visitations, and procured for himself surreptitiously several large pensions from various abbots by virtue of his legatine authority. He was accordingly attached, and the sheriff was commanded to produce him in the King's Bench on Saturday after the month of Michaelmas.

On that day John Scuse and Chr. Genney produced a writ, by virtue of which they were admitted attornies for the Cardinal, who appointed them as such on the 27th Oct. They pleaded on the Cardinal's behalf that he did not know the obtaining of the bulls to be in contempt and prejudice of the King, or against any statute of provisors, but threw himself upon the King's mercy. Judgment was ultimately given that the Cardinal should be out of the King's protection, and forfeit to the King all his lands and goods.

“Postea Trin. 22^{do} H. VIII. habet cartam allocationis pro præmissis, &c.”

Ibid. Rot. 37.

2. Another bill of indictment, similar to the preceding in all respects, except in the under-mentioned particulars. It was preferred by Chr. Hales, attorney-general, on the 20 Oct. 21 Hen. VIII.

By virtue of his legatine authority, Wolsey had, on the 2 Dec. 15 Hen. VIII., conferred the parish church of Galbye, Leic., Linc. dioc., void by the death of Ric. Woderoffe, on John Alyn, LL.D., now archbishop of Dublin, although the master and brethren of the hospital of Burton St. Lazer, Leic., were the true patrons.