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[12 April 1533]  
Harl. MS. 283, f. 97. B.  
M. St. P. I. 392.

**332. HENRY VIII TO CRANMER.**

Received on the 12th April his letters dated Lambeth, 11th April desiring leave to determine his great cause of matrimony. Cannot be displeased with Cranmer's zeal for justice and for the quieting of the kingdom ; and although Henry is his King, and recognises no superior on earth, yet as Cranmer is the principal minister "of our spiritual jurisdiction," and is so in the fear of God, cannot refuse his request. Gives him licence accordingly by these letters under the sign manual, sealed with the King's seal.

*Draft. Endd.*

Otho, C.X. 159. B. M.

2. Copy of the preceding.

Ibid., f. 160.

3. Another copy, slightly different.