

violent handes, wel I see the king lacketh good counsail: wel sayd the erle when I was sworne Warden of the Marches, you your self told me that I might with my staffe arrest all men vnder the degree of a kyng, and now I am more stronger for I haue a cōmission so to do whiche you haue seen. The Cardinal at length obeyed and was kept in his priuie chamber and his goodes seazed and his officers discharged, and his Phisician called doctor Augustyne was lykewise arrested and brought to the Tower by sir Walter Welshe one of the kynges chamber. The vi. day of Nouember he was cōueyed from Cawod to Sheffelde castle and there deliuered to therle of Shrewsburies keepyng till the kynges pléasure were knowen: Of this attachement was muche commonyng amongst the common people, wherfore many were glad, for surely he was not in the fauor of the cominaltie.

When the Cardinal was thus arrested the kyng sent sir Wyllyam Kingston knight capitaine of the Garde and Constable of the Tower of London with certain of the yomen of the Gard to Sheffelde to fetch the Cardinal to the Tower. When the Cardinal saw the capitaini of the garde, he was sore astonnyed and shortly became sicke, for then he perceiued some great trouble toward him, and for that cause men sayd that he willyngly toke so muche quātitie of strong purgacion that his nature was not able to beare it: but sir William Kyngston comforted him, and by easy iornayes he brought him to the Abbay of Lecester the xxvii. day of Nouember, wher for very feblenes of nature caused by purgacions and vomites he dyed the second night folowyng, and in the same abbay lyeth buried. This Cardinal as you may perceiue in this story was of a great stomacke, for he compted himselfe egall with princes, and by craftie suggestion gatte into his handes innumerable treasure: He forced litle on symony & was not pityful and stode afféctionate in his owne opinion: In open presence he would lye and say vntruth and was double both in speche and meanyng: He would promise muche and performe lytle: He was vicious of his body and gaue the clergie euil example: He hated sore the citie of London and feared it: It was tolde him that he should dye in the way toward London, wherfore he feared lest the cōmons of the citie would arise in riotous maner and so sley him, yet for all that he dyed in the waye toward London. The authoritie of this Cardinal set the clergie in such a pride that they disdained all men, wherfore when he was fallen they folowed after as you shall heare. To write the life and doynge of this Cardinal, it were a great worke, but whatsoever he did God forgene his soule his bodyes misdedes.

After the Cardinal was dead, the king remoued frō Hampton court to Grenewiche where he with quene Katherine kept a solempne Christmas, and on the twelwe night he satte in the halle in his estate, where as were diuers Enterludes, riche Maskes and disportes, and after that a great banket. And after Christmas he came to his Manor of Westminster, which before was called Yorke place, for after that the Cardinal was attainted in the Premunire & was gone Northward, he made a feoffement of thesame place to the kyng, and the chapiter of the Cathedral church of Yorke by their writing cōfirmed thesame feoffement and then the king chaūged the name and called it the kynges Manor of Westminster and nomore Yorke place.

The whole clergie of England euer supported and maintayned the power legantyne of the Cardinal, wherfore the kynges counsail learned sayd plainly that they all were in the Premunire, the spiritual lordes were called by proces into the kynges Benche to answer, but before their day apperaunce they in their Conuocacion concluded an humble submission in writyng and offered the kyng a C. M. pound to be their good lorde, and also to geue them a pardon of all offences touching the Preinunire by act of Parliament, ŷ which offer with much labor was accepted, and their pardon promised. In this submission the Clergie called the kyng supreme head of ŷ church of England, which thing they neuer confessed before, wherevpon many thinges folowed after as you shall heare.

When the Parliament was begōne the. vi. day of Ianuary, the pardon of the spiritual persones was signed with the kynges hand & sent to the lordes, which in tyme conuenient assented to the bill and sent it to the cōmons in the lower house, and when it was red,
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The Cardinal dead and buried at Lecester.

The description of the Cardinal.

The kyng first named supreme head.