

Norffolke bare the childe, in a Mantell of purple veluet, with a long train furred with Ermine. The duke of Norffolke, with his Marshall rod, went on the right hand of thesaied Duches, & the duke of Suffolke on the left hande, and before them went the officers of armes: the countes of Kent bare the long train of the childes mantell, and betwene the Countes of Kent and the child, went therle of Wilshire on the right hand, and therle of Darby on the left hand, supportyng thesaid train: in the middes ouer thesaid child was borne a Canapy, by the lorde Rocheford, the lorde Huse, the lorde Willyā Haward, and by the lorde Thomas Haward the elder, after the child folowed many ladies, and gentlewomen, when the child was come to the churche dore, the bishop of London met it with diuerse bishoppes and Abbottes mitred, and began the obseruaunces of the Sacrament. The Godfather was the lorde Archebishop of Cantorbury: the Godmothers were the old Duches of Norffolke, and the olde Marchiones of Dorset widowes, and the childe was named Elizabeth: and after that al thyng was done, at the churche dore the child was brought to the Fount, and christened, and this doen, Garter chief kyng of armes cried a loude, God of his infinite goodnes, sende prosperous life and long, to the high and mightie Princes of England Elizabeth: and then the trumpettes blewe, then the childe was brought vp to the aultar, and the Gospell saied ouer it: and after that immediatly the Archebishop of Cantorbury confirmed it, the Marchiones of Excester beyng Godmother, then the Archebishop of Cantorbury, gaue to the Princes a standyng cup of gold: the Duches of Norffolke, gaue to her a standyng cuppe of golde, fretted with perale: the Marchiones of Dorset gaue three gilt boules, pounced with a couer: and the Marchiones of Excester, gaue thre standyng bolles grauen, all gilt with a couer. Then was brought in Wafers, Comfettes, Ypocras in suche plentie, that euery man had asmuche, as he would desire. Then they set forwardes, the trumpettes goyng before in thesame ordre, towarde the kynges place, as they did when they came thether warde, sauyng that the giftes that the Godfather, and the Godmothers gaue, wer borne before the child by foure persones, that is to saie: First sir Ihon Dudley, bare the gift of the Lady of Excester: the lorde Thomas Haward the younger, bare the gift of the lady of Dorset: the lorde Fitzwater, bare the gift of the Lady of Norffolk, and the Erle of Worcester, bare the gift of the Archebishop of Cantorbury, and all the one side as thei went, was full of staffe Torches, to the number of five hundred, borne by the garde and other of the kynges seruauntes, and about the child were borne, many other proper torches borne by gentlemen: and in this ordre thei brought the princes, to the Quenes chamber, & the Maior & the Aldermen taried there a while, and at the last the Dukes of Norffolke and Suffolke came out from the Kyng, thankyng them hartely, & said the kyng commaunded them to geue them thankes in his name: and from thence thei wer had to the seller to drynke, and so went to their Barges.

Paucer.

This yere also, one Pauier tounce clerke of the citee of London, hanged himself, which surely was a man, that in nowise could abide to here that the Gospell should bee in Englishe, and I my self heard hym once saie to me & other that wer by, swearyng a great othe, that if he thought the kynges highnes, would set furth the scripture in Englishe, and let it be red of the people by his auctoritic, rather then he would so long liue he would cut his awn throte, but he brake promes, for as you haue hard he hanged hymself: but of what mynde and intent he so did, God iudge. About this season was espied a newe founde Saincte, & holy Hypocrite, called the maide of Kent, whiche by the great labor, diligence, and pain takyng of tharchebishop of Cantorbury, and the lorde Cromewell, and one called Hugh Latimer a prieste (whiche shortly after was made bishop of Worcester,) the iugglyng and craftie decept of this maide, was manifested and brought to light: wherupon after diuerse examinacions, she with all her adherentes, wer in Nouember brought to the starre chāber: the names of them all shall folowe, firste Elizabeth Barton, whiche was she that called her self ſy holy maide of Kent, Richard Master priest person of Aldyngton in the Countie of Kent, Edward Bockyng doctour in Diuinite, Monke of Cantorbury, Richarde Deryng Monke also of Cantorbury, Edward Twaites gentleman, Thomas Laurēce re-

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gister to tharchedeacon of Cantorbury, Henry Gold person of Aldermary bachiler of Diuinite, Hugh Riche Frier Obseruaunt, and Richarde Risby, Thomas Gold gentleman. These all beeyng in the starre chāber, before diuerse of the kynges counsaill, confessed their feined hipocrisy, and dissimuled sanctitee; and treiterous purposes and intentes, and then was there by the kynges counsaill adiudged, to stand at Paules crosse, wher thei with their awne handes, should seuerally deliuer eche of them to the preacher that should be ap-
 poynted, a bill declaryng their subtile, craftie and superstitious doynge. Whiche thying the next Sondaie after, they all aboue rehersed, standyng on a stage at Paules Crosse, made for that purpose did accomlishe: but for their treasons committed, the matter therof was respited to the Parliament nexte folowyng, where all thei abouesaid, with other as after ye shall here, wer attainted by act of parliamēt, and suffered death as traitors, by hanging, drawyng, and quarteryng at Tyborne.

In September the kyng of Scottes, sent his Commissioners to the toune of Newe Castle, where wer for the kyng of Englande commissioners, sir Thomas Clifford, and doctor Magnus, and sir Raufe Elderkare. And first the Scottes without any long comunicacion, demaunded greate amendes, sayng, that the Englishmen had robbed and spoyled them to their losse, and that greatly, and saied that the kyng of England of his honor, must nedes make satisfaccion, if he would be called honorable. Then it was answered, that notwithstanding the leagues, written, sealed and sworne, the Scottishe naciō would neuer kepe peace in somuch, while we be here in treatyng, your people are robberyng: wherfore the kyng demaundeth of you, the goodes and prisoners taken contrary to the peace, wherof we here deliuer you a wrytyng, which the Scottes receiued, and at their next metyng thei saied, that the shippes to them wer lawfull prises, by reason that therle of Anguisbe, was maintained in Englande, whiche is rebel to our kyng, and therle and you haue doen to vs muche skate, & we haue taken a few shippes, in recompence of some part of our greate losses, whiche we maie not deliuer, & therfore we praie you demaunde them not: but here we deliuer you our boke, which amounteth to a greater somme by tenne thousand marke. The Englishe commissioners receiued the boke, and in thesame the Scottes demaunded, recon-
 pence for burning their tounes, and destroyng many of their strong Piles, aboue. xxiiii. whiche wer destroyed from the. xxiiii. daie of Aprill, in the laste. xxiiii. yere of the kyng to the. xxx. daie of Aprill. The Englishe cōmissioners answered, that if the Scottes would send to the kyng of Englāde, thei doubted not, but thei should haue a good answer for the kyng of Englande bad hym chose peace or warre: so they agreed to sende to bothe their kynges letters of their doynge, whiche in haste was dooen. And after muche suite of the Scottes parte, when they had muche demaunded, and litle or nothyng was graunted, thei then beyng wery of warre desired peace, whiche was concluded, duryng bothe the kynges liues, and the twentie daie of Maie, in the next yere of the kyng folowyng, it was opeuly Proclaimed, to the greate comforte and reioysyng of all louers of peace.

The. xviii. daie of December, the Duke of Suffolke was sent by the kyng and his counsaill, to Bugden beside Huntyngdon, where the lady Katherine Princes Dowager laye. For the Kyng was aduertised, and had good proues of thesame, that she of froward mynde would consent, neither to the determinacion of the Vniuersities, nor yet to the sentence of the whole conuocacion of the realme, but beyng counsailed by a fewe Spaniardes, whiche had litle lernyng, did all that she could to infringe the determinacion of thesaid Vniuersities and clergie. In somuche that she wrote to the Pope and to other potentates, to greue the Kyng and his realme because he would not folowe her mynd, and breake the commaundement of God. Wherefore the Kynges counsaill mocioned the kyng, that suche as wer about her, and moued her thereto, should be put from her, for thei thought it no reason, that she should haue suche libertie to woorke that thying, by the whiche the kyng and his realme, might haue detriment or damage. Wherefore thesaid Duke was sent to her, whiche shewed to her openly, Articles of her suites to the Pope, and howe she soughte meanes to greue the Kyng and his Realme, whiche hereafter she should not be suffered to dooe.

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dooc. For thesame tyme was a Cursse sent from the Pope, whiche accursed bothe the Kyng, and the whole Realme, whiche Cursse the bearer therof, beeyng not by like the hardiest manne that euer shewed hymself in front of battaill, thought it a greate deale more better for hym to bestowe it without the Kynges reche, then to aduenture to come within his Dominions, and therefore set it vp in the Toune of Dunkercke in Flaunders, where it was taken doune by Wyllyam Locke, Mercer of London. The Quene answered the Duke very highly and obstinately, with many high woordes, and sodainly in a fury she departed from hym, into her priuie Chamber and shutte the doore. He seeyng that, brake all the ordre of the Quenes Courte, and discharged a greate sorte of her housholde seruantes, and yet lefte there a conuenient number, to serue her like a Princes. There was greate lamentacion emong theim that departed, but there was no remedy. Then thei that remained to serue her, were sworne to serue her as a Princes Dowager, and not as Quene, some saied thei were sworne to her as Quene, and otherwise thei would not serue, and so they departed. Other that wer sworne to serue her as Princes, and remained there, she them vtterly refused for her seruantes, wherfore she remained with the lesse number of seruantes.

The kyng kept his Christmas at Grenewiche, with great solempnitce, and after Christmas beganne the Parliament. In whiche Parliament Elizabeth Barton, the holy Maide of Kent, with all her adherentes, of whom ye haue heard before was attaynted. And because her offences, were bothe against God and the kyng, so greate and wicked, that the like was neuer heard nor knowen before, I will declare vnto you the processe of her matter, in suche maner as the truthe thereof, is declared in her attainder, by Acte of Parliament. Firste thesaied Elizabeth Barton (beeyng a Nonne professed in the house and Priory of Saint Sepulcres of Cauntorbury,) whiche long before she was professed Nonne, dwelled with one Thomas Cobbe, in the Parische of Aldyngton, in the Countie of Kent, and happened to bee visited with sickenes, and by occasion thereof, brought in suche debilitie and weakenes of her brayne, because she could not eate ne drynke, by a long space, that in the violence of her infirmitie, she semed to bee in Traunses, and spake and vtered many foolishe and Idle woordes. And one Richarde Master, Clerke, beeyng Persone of the saied Parische of Aldyngton, in thesaied Countie of Kent, after that he had made to the late Archebishoppe of Cauntorbury, a farre and a larger reporte, concernyng the Hypocrisy, traunses and speaches of thesaied Elizabeth, then he could iustifie and abide by, and after that he was commaunded by thesaied Archebishop, to geue good attendaunce vpō her, if she should fortune to haue any mo suche traunses and speaches, and to sende hyn knowlege thereof, to the intent to mainteigne, vphold and verelyfy, suche reporte as he had made, aswell to the Archebishoppe aforesaid, as to other, of the wonderfull traunses and speaches of thesaied Nonne, he falsely and craftely informed thesaid Elizabeth, that the merueilous woordes whiche she spake in her traunses, afore his ridyng to the Archebishop aforesaid, proceded of the inspiracion of the holy ghost, and that she was greatly to be blamed if she would hide or dissemble the wonderfull workes of God shewed to her: for afore this his saied informacion and instruccion, she saied constantly, that she could not remember, that she spake any suche notable woordes in her traunses, as were reported vnto her, by thesaied Richard Master. Whiche Elizabeth beeyng in this maner of wise, often tymes perswaded, procured and informed, by thesaied Persone of Aldyngton, tooke boldenes and courage to forge, feigne, and counterfeat suche maner of Traunses, and craftie speaches, as thesaied Persone of Aldyngton told her, that she vsed in her sickenes, afore he went to thesaied Archbisshoppe. And when thesaied Elizabeth had vsed this false, feigned coūterfeatyng for a ceason, and was perfecte therein (so that the fame thereof, was greatly spred abroade, in those parties) then the saied Person, to the intent aforesaid, and to the intent the people, should geue more faithe and credite vnto her, and because he would haue increased the deuocion of the people, in commyng on pilgrimage to a Chapell, set in Courte at Strete, within thesaied Parische, dedicate in the honour of our Lady, for his awne lucre

lucre and auantage, imagined, deuised, compassed and declared, with the aide, helpe, and counsaill of one Edwarde Bockyng Monke, professed in the Monastery in Christes Church in Cauntorbury, and Doctor in Diuinitee, that thesaied Elizabeth, being in the extasy and extremitie of her sickenes, in a maner distract in traūses, should saie emongest other wounderfull woordes, that she should neuer take health of her body, till suche tyme as she had visited the Image of our Lady, beeyng in thesaied Chapell at Courte. at Strete aforesaid: and that our Lady had appered vnto her, and shewed her, that if she came to thesaied Chapell, at the daye appoynted, she should bee restored to her health by Miracle, where in very deede, she was restored to her perfecte health, by diet and Phisike, and by the course of nature, whiche expelled the matter, beeyng cause of her sickenes, in the meane tyme while thesaid person of Aldyngton, was with the Archebishoppe, as is afore rehersed. And albeit thesaied Elizabeth, was restored to her health, yet she beeyng accustomed and acquainted with the maner and fashion of her distracte Traunses, by the counsaill, conspiracie, and confederacie of thesaied Edwarde Bockyng, and Richarde Master, did falsely practise, vse and shewe vnto the people, diuerse and merueilous sondery alteracions, of her sensible partes of her body, craftely vtterynge in her saied feigned and false Traunses, diuerse and many verteous and holy woordes, tending to the rebuke of synne, and in reprouyng of suche newe opinions, as then beganne to spryng in this Realme, whiche she called Heresy, as she was induced and taught, by thesaied Edwarde Bockyng and Richarde Master, vsyng all the waies of false Hypocrisy, to the intent the people should geue belefe and credence vnto her, whereby they might bee the soner brought, into the detestable crymes of blasphemie and Idolatrie agaynste almightie GOD. And thesaied Edwarde Bockyng, beeyng maliciously fixed in his opinion, agaynste the Kynges highnes, in his detested Matrimonie with Quene Katheryne, and intending in his mynde, afterwarde for his parte, falsely and Trayterously to vse thesaied Elizabeth, as a Diabolicke instrument, to stirre, moue, and prouoke the people of this Realme, aswell nobles as other, to murmoure and grudge, agaynste the Maiestie of oure Soueraigne Lorde, and all his iuste and Lawfull procedynges, in thesaied deuorce and seperacion, as after he did in very deede: for the accomplishyng of his saied false, malicious and Trayterous ententes, falsely deuised and conspired, with thesaied Richarde, that thesaied Elizabeth should shewe and manifest her self, to the people, to bee an excellent verteous and an holy woman, and that all her woordes and deedes, should appere to the worlde, to procede of a marueilous holines, rebukyng the common synnes and vices of the worlde, as though she were taught and inspired of the holy spirite of God. And not onely moued and counsailed thesaied Elizabeth, thus to vse her self, surmytting to her that she spake suche thynges, in the extasy of her sickenes, that came by the inspiracion of God, but also counsailed and procured thesaied Elizabeth, to bee brought and conueighed, to thesaied Chapell of oure Lady, and therein openly in the presence of the people, (that there should be assembled by their procurementes) should vse and experient suche like Traunses, and alteracions of her face, and other the outward sensible partes of her body, as she vsed in the extremitie and extasy of her sickenes. To whose counsailes and aduertisementes, thesaied Elizabeth agreed. Whereupon at a daie by them appoynted and agreed, thesaied Edward and Richard, laboured, solicited, and procured, aboute the number of two thousande persones, to repaire to thesaied Chapel, surmytting that thesaied Elizabeth, whiche as they saied, had marueilous and many Visions and Reuelacions of God, should be broughte thether, and there receiue her health, by Miracle of oure Lady, whose image was in thesaied Chapell. By reason of whiche false, feigned and detestable conspiracy and Hypocrisy, at the daie by them appoynted, there assembled to thesaied Chapell, aboute the number of two thousande people. At whiche daie also, thesaied Edwarde Bockyng, and Richarde Master procured, and caused thesaied Elizabeth, to repaire to thesaied Chapell, where thesaied Elizabeth, albeit she at that tyme, and long afore was restored to health of her bodie, and discharged of her tormentes and afflictions, whiche she had in the extasy of her sickenes: Yet neuertheles by the procurement and

craftie counsaill of thesaied Edwarde Bockyng, and Richard Master, did falsely feigne and shewe vnto the people in thesame Chapell, many alteracions of her face, and other outward sensible partes of her body, and falsely feigned and shewed herself in Traunces, vtterying wonderous wordes, as she was before subtely and craftely induced and taught, by thesaied Richarde and Edwarde to dooe. And emonges other thynges she vttered, that it was the pleasure of God, that thesaied Edwarde Bockyng, should bee her ghostly father, and that she should bee a Religious woman, as she was taught by thesaied Edward Bockyng and Richard Master. And within a while after demonstracion, of suche false feigned and dissimuled traunces, she appered to the people, to bee sodainly reueled from her sickenes and afflictions, by the intercession and meanes of the Image of oure Lady, beeyng in thesame Chapell. By meanes of whiche false feigned Hypocrisy, dissimuled and cloked Sanctitee, so conspired and craftely imagined by thesaied Edwarde Bockyng, and Richarde Master, thesaied Elizabeth was brought into a merueilous fame, credite and good opinion, of a greate multitude of the people of this Realme. And to increase the fame of thesaid false feigned Hypocrisy, thesaid Elizabeth after wardes, by the counsaill and procurement, of thesaied Edwarde Bockyng, entered into Religion, and became a Nonne, professed in thesaied Priory of Sainct Sepulchres, to whom thesaied Edwarde Bockyng, had commonly his resorte, not without probable, vehement and violent suspicion of incontinecie, pretending to bee her Ghostly father, by Goddes appoyntment. And by conspiracy betwene her and him, caused her still to persist and abide, in the practisyng of her said false hipocrisy, and dissimulyng traunces and raptes. And that she should surmit to the people, that when she was in suche simuled alteraciō, of her sensible partes of her body, that she was then rapt by almightie God, from thaffeccions of this worlde, and tolde by the holy spirite of God, many thynges that should folowe to the worlde, for punishement of the synnes of the princes and the people. And that she should also say that she was muche prouoked & tempted, aswell to the synne of the fleshe as otherwise, by her ghostly enemie the deuill, at diuerse and sondry tynes, and in diuerse and sondery waies and fashions. And yet neuer theles that she by the grace of almightie God was preserued, and stedfastly resisted suche temptaciō. By occasion of which counsaill and procurement of the said Edward Bockyng, thesaid Elizabeth by continuance of tyme, toke suche a courage vpon her, that she falsely feined and saied, that she had many reuelacions, of almightie God and his holy sainctes, with heuenly lightes, heuenly voyces, heuenly melodies and ioyes, and specially in a chapell of S. Giles, in thesaid Nonnery, to the whiche chapell, she often tynes resorted to receiue visions and reuelacions, as cōmaunded by God, as she falsely reported, and specially by night, sayng, that the Dorture doore was made open to her by Goddes power, vtterying thesame, aswell to thesaied Edward Bockyng, as to diuerse other persones. By the whiche her false feigned reuelacions, & cloked hipocrisy, she was reputed emongest many people of this realme, to be a very holy woman, inspired with God, where in very deede, she neuer had vision or reuelacion from God, as she hath plainly and openly confessed her self. And therefore her stealyng furthe of the Dorture in the nighte, whiche was not once or twise wekely was not for spiritual busines nor to receiue reuelaciōs of God, but rather for bodely cōmunicaciō & pleasure with her frēdes, which could not haue so goodleasure & oportunitie with her by daie. And for ratificaciō of her false feined reuelaciōs, thesaid Edward by cōspiracy, betwene him & thesaid Elizabeth, reueled thesame to the most reuerēt father, Willyā late Archbisshop of Cātorbury, who by false & vntrue surmises, tales and lies of thesaid Edward & Elizabeth, was allured, brought and induced to credite them, and made no diligent serches, for the triall of their saied falsehoods, and confederacions, but suffered and admitted thesame, to the blasphemie of almightie God, and to the great deceit of the prince, and people of this realme. And for a perpetuall memory of thesaid feined and dissimuled hipocrisy, and false reuelacions of the saied Elizabeth, thesaied Edward Bockyng, Richard Master, and one Ihon Deryng, a Monke in thesaid Monastery of Christes church eaforsaid, made, writ, and caused to be written,

sondery bokes bothe greate & small, bothe printed and written, concernyng the perticularities of thesaid false and feined hipocrisy, and reuelaciōs of thesaid Elizabeth, or the de-fēce or great praise of thesame: surmytting and puttyng furth thesame false and feined practises, and reuelaciōs of thesaid Elizabeth, to be iust & true miracles, shewed by almighty Ged, in the fauour of the sanctitee of thesaid Elizabeth, where in dede thei been and wer falsely deuised, compassed, cōspired, written and mainteined by thesaid Elizabeth Barton, Edward Bockyng, Richard Master, & Ihō Deryng, to thonly intēt to bryng the said Elizabeth, in the fame and credite of the people of this realme, wherby the people should the more be apt and disposed, by her false cloked hipocrisy and sanctitee, to commit the crimes of blasphemie and ydolatrie against God, and also the soner induced, by the false reuelacions of thesaid Elizabeth to murmor, and grudge, and be of euill opinion, againste the Maiestie of our souereigne lorde, to the great perill and daūger of his moste royall person. And one Edward Thwaites gētleman, trāslated and wrote diuerse quaiers, and shetes of paper, concernyng thesaid false feined reuelacions, of thesaid Elizabeth. Also one Thomas Laurence of Cantorbury, beyng regester to tharchiebishop of Cantorbury, at thinstance and desire of thesaid Edward Bockyng, wrote a great boke of thesaid false & feined miracles, and reuelacions of thesaid Elizabeth in a faire hand, redy to bee a copie to the printer, when thesaid boke should be put to stampe.

Emonges whiche false and feined reuelacions surmised by thesaid Elizabeth, and put in writynges in diuerse bokes, by the false cōspiracie meanes and procurement of thesaid Edward Bockyng, Richard Master, Ihon Deryng, and other their complices, there is expressed that the deuill should appere, to thesaid Elizabeth in diuerse fashions, sometymes like a man wantonly appareiled, sometyme like a birde deformed, and sometyme otherwise. And that Mary Magdalene, should often apere to thesaid Elizabeth, and reuele to her many reuelacions. And at one tyme should deliuer vnto her, a letter written in heuen, part wherof was limmed with golden letters, where in dede thesame letters were written with the hande of a Monke of saint Augustines in Cantorbury named Hawk-hurst.

There was also written and cōteined, emongest thesaid false and feined miracles & reuelaciōs, that when the kynges highnes was at Calice in thcenteruwe, betwene his maiestie and the Frenche kyng, and heryng Masse in the Church of our Lady at Calice, that God was so displeased with the kynges highnes, that his grace sawe not at the Masse the blessed Sacrament in fourme of bread: for it was taken awaic frō the priest (beyng at Masse) by an Angell, and ministered vnto thesaid Elizabeth, then beyng there present and inuisible, and sodainly conueighed & rapt thence again, by the power of God into thesaid Nonnery, where she is professed, with many other false feined fables, and tales deuised, conspired and defended by thesaid Elizabeth, Edward Bockyng & Ihon Deryng, writtē as miracles in thesaid bokes for a memorial, to set furth the false and feined hypocrisy, and cloked sanctitee of thesaid Elizabeth, to the people of this realme, as by thesaid sondery bokes and writynges therof made, seen and examined by the kynges moste honorable cōsail more plainly apereth: in whiche bokes be written suche termes & sentēces of reproch and s'lauder, against the kynges highnes & the queene, which wer to shameful to be writtē against the most vile & vngracious persōs liuyng, whiche to here, would abhorre euery true subiect of this realme.

And after thesaid Elizabeth by suche her false & feined hipocrisy, and dissimuled sanctitee, was brought in a great brute and fame of the people, in sondry parties of this realme, then thesaid Edward Bockyng by procurement & secret conspiracy, of diuerse persones vnknown, whiche maligned against the kynges procedynges, for the seperacion & deuorce in thesaid detested & vnlawfull mariage, traiterously intendencyng to put the kynges highnes in a murmor, and euil opinion of his people, for thesame, counsailed and stirred thesaid Elizabeth, that she should aske a peticiō of almighty God, to knowe whether God was displeased with the kynges highnes, for procedyng in thesaid deuorce, and seperacion of the

mariage betwene his highnes, and thesaied lady Katherin, declaryng to her many tymes, that he & diuerse other learned men of this realme, and many of the common people of thesame, were in firme opinions that the kynges procedyng in thesaied deuorce, was against the lawes of God. Wherupon thesaied Elizabeth subtely and craftely, concerning the opinion and mynd of thesaied Edward, willyng to please hym, reueled and shewed vnto the saied Edward, that she had knowlege by reuelacion frō God, that God was highly displeased with our souereigne lorde, for thesame matter. And in case he desisted not from his procedinges in thesaied deuorce and seperacion, but pursued thesame & married again, that then within one moneth after suche mariage, he should no lenger be kyng of this realme: & in the reputacion of almightie God, should not be a king one daie, nor one houre: and that he should dye a villeines death: sayng farther, that there was a roote with. iiii. branches, & till they wer plucked vp, it should neuer be mery in England: interpreting the roote to be the late lord Cardinal, and the first braunche to be the kyng our souereigne lorde, the secōd the duke of Norfolke, and the. iiii. the duke of Suffolk. Whiche false feined reuelaciōs, by the mischeuous & malicious cōsail and cōspiracie of thesaied Edward Bocking, with ŷ said Elizabeth, wer written and expressed, in thesaied boke and volumes, conteignyng the false and feined reuelacions and Miracles, of thesaied Elizabeth, for a perpetuall memory thereof, to the vtter reproche and perell of destruction of the Kynges persone, his honor, fame and name: and priuely and secretly, set furthe by thesaied Elizabeth, Edward Bocking, Ihon Deryng, and Richarde Master, generally to diuerse and many of the kynges subiectes, and specially as to electe persones, to Ihon Bishoppe of Rochester, and Ihon Adeson clerke, chapelain to thesaied bishop, and to one Henry Gold priest, bachelor of Diuinitee, to Hugh Riche Frier Obseruaunt, and late Wardein of the Friers Obseruautes of Cantorbury, whiche beare malice and malignitie, to all the kynges procedynges, in the saied deuorce and seperacion, because it was contrary to their peruerse and froward opinions, intendencyng by colour of thesaied false and feined hypocrisy, and reuelacions of the saied Elizabeth, not onely to let thesaied deuorce and seperacion, but also to bring, and set furth secretly, in the heddes of the people of this realme, aswel nobles as other, that al the kynges actes and procedynges in thesame, were against holy scriptures, and the pleasure of almightie God: whereby the kynges highnes should be brought in a grudge, and euill opinion of his people. And thesaied Ihon Bishoppe of Rochester, Henry Gold, Hugh Riche, Richard Risby, Richard Master, Ihon Deryng, at sondery and seuerall tymes and places, spake with thesaied Elizabeth, and toke relacion of her, of the saied false and feined reuelacions, whiche she feined that she had of almightie God, aswell concernyng the kynges highnes as other, after the fourme and termes aboue specified. And hauyng knowlege therof thesaied Hugh Riche, Richard Risby, and Henry Golde clerke, gaue suche firme and constant credite thereunto, that thei Trayterously conceled it frō the kynges highnes, and trayterously beleued in their hartes, that the Kyng our souereigne Lorde, after the late mariage solemnized, betwene his highnes, and his moste dere and entierly beloued wife Quene Anne, was no lenger rightfull kyng of this realme, in the reputacion of almightie God, whereby in their hartes & willes, thei trayterously withdrewe from his highnes, their natrall dueties of obedience: and secretly taught and moued other persones, (to whom thei reueled thesaied false and feined reuelacions) that thei ought and might lawfully doo in thesame wise: and practised thesaied matters, against the kynges Maiestie, falsely, maliciously, and trayterously, at sōdery places and tymes, with the fathers, and Nonnes of Syon, and diuerse Monkes of the Charter house of London and Shene, and with diuerse Freers Obseruautes, the places of Richemont, Grenewiche, and Cauntorbury, and to diuerse other, bothe spirituall and temporall persones in greate number, to the intent to sowe a secret murmur and grudge, in the hartes of the Kynges subiectes, against the Maiestie of our souereigne lorde, and all his procedynges, in thesaied diuorce and seperacion, intendencyng therby to make suche a diuision and rebellyng in this realme, emongest
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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 y^e sayd Elizabeth to appoynt them the tyme when they should so do, and agreed eche with other secretly, and set forth thesayd false and fayned reuelacions to their acquayntance 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 accomplishing 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 interpreter therof, betwene the sayd Elizabeth & the sayd Orators named Anthony Pulleon: and the interpreter 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 circumstance 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 counsaile, 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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