

dyuerse others to stande stify by her reuelacions, that they were of God: notwithstanding that she had confessed all her sayd falsbed 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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The wordes  
of Elizabeth  
Barton other  
wise called  
y<sup>e</sup> holy  
maide of  
Kent at her  
death.