THE XXIII. YERE [1532-33]

Thomas Awdeley kepere of the great scale.

The openyng of these othes, was one of the occasions, why the Pope within two yere folowyng, lost all his jurisdiccion in Englande, as you shall here afterward. The xiii. daie the parliament was proroged, till the iii. daie of February next ensuyng. After whiche prorogacion, syr Thomas More, Chaunceller of Englande, after long sutes made to the kyng to be discharged of that office, the xvi. daie of Maie, he delivered to the kyng at Westminster, the greate Seale of Englande, and was with the kynges favour discharged, whiche Seale the kyng kept till Whitsontide folowyng, and on the Mondaie in Whitson weke, he dubbed Thomas Awdeley, Spekar of the parliament knight, and made hym lorde kepere of the great Seale, and so was he called.

The kyng beyng in progress this Sommer, was adverised that the Pope and the Frenche kyng, had appoynted to mete at Marcellis in Province, in the begynnynge of the nexte Sprynghe, wherefore the Kyng like a wise and pollutike prince, thought it convenient to speake with the Frenche kyng in his awne persone, before the Pope and he should come together, and to declare to hym bothe the determinacion, of the Universities and Doctors, concernyng his Matrimonie, and also the generall counsailes, whiche ordeined suche causes, to be tried in the provinces and countreis, where the doubt should ryse, trustyng that the Frenche kyng should cause the Pope to encline to Goddes lawe, and to leave his awne tradicions, and voyde dispensaciones, whereupon bothe the princes concluded, to mete in October folowyng, betwene Callice and Bulleyn: wherefore the kyng of Englande sent out his letters, to his nobilitic, prelates, and servauntes, commandyng them to bee ready at Cantorbury, the xxvi. daie of September, to passe the Seas wyth hym, for the accomplishyng of the entervew, betwene hym and his brother the Frenche kyng. Many men were sory to here, that the kyng should passe the sea in Winter, and specially in October, when the seas be rough, but their saiyngees letted not his purpose: for he marched forward from Ampthill to Wynsoare where on Sundaie beyng the firste daie of September, he created the lady Anne Bulleyn, Marchiones of Penbroke, and gave to her one thousand pound lande by the yere, and that solemnnitie finished, he rode to the College to Masse, and when