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3 June [1535]
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814. SIR THOMAS MORE.

His answers to questions put by Thomas Audeley, Lord Chancellor, and others, 3 June 27 Hen. VIII.

1. Whether he knew the statute making the King supreme head, &c. Replied that he did.

2. When asked whether the King was, as by statute decreed, head of the Church [in England] or not, he answered that "the [statute made in the Parliament] whereby the Kynges Highnes was made supreme hedd as ys aforsayd [was like unto a sword] with too edges, for yf he seyde that the same lawe werre [not]¹ good then [yt] was daungerous to the soule. And yf he seyde contrary to the seyde estatute [then] yt was deth to the body; wherfor he would make thereto none other answer by ca[use] ... old not .. f ... of the shortyng of his lif."

ii. The effect of the conversation between Richard R[iche] and the seyde Sir Thomas More, in presence of Edward Walsyngham, Richard Southwell, Palmer and —² Derleight (?). (The conversation described seems to have been that which took place on the 12 June. See the record of More's trial, 1 July.)

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1 Apparently crossed out.

2 Blank.