

people there dwellyng, which thynges coule not be doone without great cost: Wherefore considering the Kynges good entente, he sayde, that the Lordes thoughte it conueniente to graunte to the Kyng some reasonable ayde towarde his charges, and prayed the Cōmons to consulte on the same, and then he and all the Lordes departed.

After their departure, the cōmons cōsidering the kinges good entent, louyngly graūted to him a. xv. toward his charges, but this graūt was not enacted at this Sessyon, because that sodeinly began a Pestilence in Westmynster, wherefore the Parlyament was proroged tyll the nexte yere.

In this yere was an olde Tolle demaunded in Flaunders of Englyshmen, called the Tolle of the Hounde, which is a Ryuer and a passage: The Tolle is. xii. peñce of a Fardell. This Tolle had ben often tymes demaunded, but neuer payed: insomoch that Kyng Henry the seuenth, for the demaunde of that Tolle, prohibited all his subiectes to kepe any Marte at Antwerpe or Barow, but caused the Martes to be kepte at Calyes: at which tyme it was agreed that the sayde Tolle shoulde neuer be demaunded, so that the Englysh men woulde resorte agayne into the Dukes countrey, and after that, it was not demaunded tyll now: Wherefore the Kyng sent Doctor Knyght and other to Calyes, and thither came themprouous Commissioners, and the matter was put in suspence for a tyme.

Ye haue hearde before how the Kyng had purchased the Bysshop of Yorkes place, whiche was a fayre Bysshops house, but not meete for a Kyng: wherefore the Kyng purchased all the medowes about saynt Iames, and all the whole house of s. Iames, and there made a fayre mansion and a parke, & buylded many costly and cominodious houses for great pleasure.

Now must I declare to you a noble enterprise, although it were not doone in England, yet because diuers Englysh men were at that auenture, I wyll declare it as the Lorde Master of the Religion of Saynt Ibons wrote to the Lorde of saynt Ibons in Englande: The Lorde Master of the Religion, lamentyng sore the losse of the Rodes, whiche he thought not sone to be reccuered, consydered that the Turke helde the towne of Modon whiche standeth on the See syde, and is a fayre Porte, and woulde haue gladly had that towne oute of the Turkes possession, called to him a trusty seruaunt of his, called Caloram, which was well langaged, and to hym declared, that he woulde haue hym to sayle to Modon, and to dwell there as a Turke vnknown, and if he myght by any meanes to come into seruice with Massie de Huga, which was Capitayne there. Caloram answered, that to go thither for the accomplyshyng of the Lord masters desyre, he was very well content, but to come in seruyce and fauoure with the Capitayne, must come in processe of tyme and by continuance, and that not without great expence: The Lorde Maister promysed hym sufficient treasure and a great rewarde: When Caloram was perfectly enstructed in all thyng he toke his leaue and came priuely to Modon, & there dwelled, & within shorte space he was the Capitayns seruaunt, & for his great diligence was with his master in great fauoure. Then he wrote to the Lorde Maister all thyng, and ascertayned hym that his entent coule not take effecte hastely, but bade hym euer be readye. Thys matter thus contynued two yere, in whiche tyme Caloram well perceyued how the towne myght be taken, and therefore wrote to the Lord Master, which shortly came to a place called Mucollutea. The Turkes haue a condicion in August & Septembre, to resorte into the countrey to see the fruytes, and to solace them selfe, wherfore the Lord Master appoynted the Prior of Rome and the Turcuplyar of England to be Capitaynes of this enterprise, and with them were. lx. knyghtes of the Religion, and. vii. C. and fyfity souldyers in. vi. Galyes & Brigantes, and passed the Cape Blanke in the lande of Calaber, the. xviii. day of August, and there they ankered: and from that place they myght sayle lx. myle to Modon, vnder the hylles of Stroffadecs. And in the waye they stopped all the shippes that passed toward Modon: & from thence they sent woorde to Caloram, which sent them woorde, not to be to hastye: for the Venicians had reported in Modon, that the Galyes of the Religion were on the see: and also a Capitayne of the Turkes, called Frombylam was come to Modon with. ii. C. horsemē