and Prelates of the Realme were present in mounnyng apparell at the Kynges coste and charge.

| THE. XXIII. YERE. |

IN the beginnyng of this. xxiii. yere, the Lady Anne Bulleyne was so moche in the Kynges fauour, that the commen people which knew not the Kynges trew entent, sayd and thought that the absence of the Queene was onely for her sake, which was not trew: for the king was openly rebuked of Preachers for kepyng company with his brothers wife, which was thoccasyon that he esclued her companye, till the truth were tryed.

The last daye of Aprill the parliament sittynge, the kyng sent for Tho: Awdeley, Spekar of the common house, and certain other, and declared to the, how they had exhibited a boke of their greues, the last yere against the Spirituallie, whiche at their requestes, he had deliuered to his spirituall subiectes, to make answere there to, but he could haue no answere, till within three daies last past, which answere he deliuered to the Spekar, sayyng: we thinke their answere will smally please you, for it semeth to vs very slender, you bee a greate sorte of wisemen, I doubt not but you will loke circumspectly on the matter, and we will be indifferent betwene you. And for a truth their answere was very Sophisticall, and nothyng auoydying the greues of the lay people: and farther the kyng saide, that he maruellled not a little, why one of the Parliament house spake openly of the absence of the Queene from hym, whiche matter was not to be determined there, for he saied it touched his soule, and wished the marriage to be good, for then had he neuer been vexed in conscience, but the doctors of the universities said he, haue determined the mariage to be voyde, and detestable before God, whiche grudge of conscience, caused me to abstain from her compagnie, and no felishe or wanton appetite: for I am said he. xli. yere old, at whiche age the lust of man is not so quicke, as in lustic youth: and sayyng in Spain and Portyngall it hath not been seen, that one man hath maried two sisters, the one beynge carnally knowë before: but the other to mary the brothers wife was so abhorred emongest all nations, that I never heard it, that any Christen man did it but myself: wherfore you se my conscience trobled and so I praiye you reporte: so the Spekar departed, and declared to the commons the kynges sayyng, bothe of the Spirituall nennes answere, and also concerning the kynges mariage, which slight answere displeased the commons.

The occasion why the Kyng spake of his mariage, was because one Temse in the common house, moved the commons to sue to the kyng, to take the Quene again into his compagnie, and declared certain greate mischieves, as in bastardyng the Lady Marie, the kynges onely childe, and diuerse other inconueniences, whiche woordes were reported to the kyng, whiche was the cause that he declared his conscience.

The. xi. daie of Maie, the kyng sent for the Speker again, and. xii. of the common house, haunynge with hym eight Lordes, and saied to them, welbelonned subiectes, we thought that ye clerige of our realme, had been our subiectes wholly, but now we haue well perceived, that they bee but halfe our subiectes, yea, and seace our subiectes: for all the Prelates at their councelacion, make an othe to the Pope, clene contrary to the othe that they make to vs, so that they sene to be his subiectes, and not ours, the copie of bothe the othes I deliuer here to you, requiring you to inuent some ordre, that we bee not thus deluded, of our Spirituall subiectes. The Spekar departed and caused the othes to be rede in the common house, the very tenor whereof ensueth.

Othe to the Pope.

"I hume bishop or Abbot of A. frô this housse forward, shall be faithfull and obedient to saicter Peter, and to the holy Churche of Rome, and to my lorde the Pope, and his successors Canonically enteryng, I shall not be of counsaill nor concet, that they shall lese either life or member, or shall bee taken, or sufure any violence, or any wrong by any meanes, their Counsaill to me credited, by theim their messyngers or letters, I shall not willyngly
willyngly discover to any person: the Papacie of Rome, the rules of the holy fathers, and the Regalie of saint Peter, I shall help and retain, and defende against all men: the Legate of the Sea Apostolicke, goyng and commynyng I shall honourably entreate, the rightes, honors, privileges, authorities of the Churche of Rome, and of the Pope and his successors, I shall cause to be conservèd, defended, augmented and promoted, I shall not bee in counsiail, treaty, or any acte, in the whiche any thyng shalbe imagined against hym, or the Churche of Rome, there rightes, states, honors, or powers. And if I knowe any suche to bee moued or compassed, I shall resist it to my power, and as sone as I can, I shall advertere hym or suche as maie geue hym knowlege. The rules of the holy fathers, the Decrees, Ordinaunces, Sentences, Disposicions, Reseruaciones, Provisions, and Commandements Apostolicke, to my power I shall kepe and cause to be kept of other: Heretickes, Sismatikes and rebellences to our holy father and his successors, I shall resist and perseeute to my power, I shall come to the Sinode, when I am called, except I be letted by a Canonicall impediment, the lights of the Apostles I shall visite yereely personally, or by my deputie, I shall not alien nor sell my possessions, without the Popes Counsiail: so God me helpe and the holy Evangelistes."

"I thor Bishop of A. utterly renounce and clereely forsake all suche clauses, woordes, sentences and graunte, whiche I haue or shall have here after, of the Popes holynes, of and for the Bishoppricke of A. that in any wise hath been, is or hereafter maie bee hurtefull or prejudiciall to your highnes, your heires, successors, dignitie, privilege, or estate royall: and also I dooe swere, that I shalbe faithfull and true, and faite and truth I shall beare to you my souereigne lorde, and to your heires kynges of the same, of life and lymme, & yearely worship aboue all creatures, for to live and dye with you and yours, against all people, and diligently I shalbe attendant, to all your nedes and busines, after my witt and power, and your counsiail I shall kepe and holde, knowlegeyn my selfe to holde my bishoprike of you oneley, besechelyng you of restituccion of the temporalties of thesame, promysing as before, that I shalbe faithfull, true, and obedient subject to your saied highnes heires, and successors durynge my life, and the services and other thynges dewe to youre highnes, for the restituccion of the Temporalties, of the same Bishoprike I shall truly dooe and obediencely perfourme, so God me helpe and all sanctes."

The openynge of these othes, was one of the occasions, why the Pope within two yere folowyng, lost all his iurisdiction in Englynde, as you shall here afterward. The xiii. daie of parliament was proroged, till the iii. daie of February next ensuyng. After whiche prorogacion, sir Thomas More Chaunceller of Englynde, after long sutes made to the kyng to be discharged of that office, the xvi. daie of Maie he deliuere to the kyng, at Westmister, the grete Scale of Englynde, and was with the kynges favor discharged, whiche Scale the kyng kept til Whitsontide folowyng, and on the Mondaie in Whitson weke, he dubbed Thomas Aweley, Speaker of the parliament knight, and made hym lorde keper of the grete Scale, and so was he called.

The kyng beyng in progress the Sommer, was advertised that the Pope and the Frenche Kyng, had appoynted to mete at Marcell in Presence, in the beginning of the nexte Spryng, wherefore the kyng like a wise and politike 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 cousailes, whiche ordeline suche causes, to be tried in the provincies and countreys, where the doubt should rise, trustyng that the Frenche kyng should cause the Pope to encline to Goddes law, and to leue his awne tradicions and voyde dispensacion, whereupon bothe the princes concluded, to mete in October folowyng, betweene Calice & Bulleyn: wherfore the kyng of Englynde sent out his letters, to his nobilitie, prelates, and seruantes, commandyng them to bee ready at Cantorbury, the xxvi. daie of September, to passe the Seas with hym, for the accomplishing of the enterew, betweene hym and his brother the Frenche kyng. Many men were sory to