

Moreover, against all other whatsoeuer intolerable ex- actions and great summes of money vsed to be paid out of this realme to the B. of Rome, in pensions, censures, Peterpence, procurations, fruites, suites for prouisions & expediti- ons of bulles, for Archb. and Bishops, for delegaci- ons and rescripts in causes of contentions and appeales, in- uisdictions legatiue: also for dispensations, licences, facul- ties, graunts, relaxations, writtes called Perinde ualere, re- habilitations, abolitions, canonizations, and other infinit sorts of bulles, breues, and instrumētts of sundry natures, the number whercof were tedious particularly to be recit- ed. In the said Parliament it was ordained, y^e all such un- charitable usurpations, exactions, pensions, censures, porti- ons, and Peterpence went to be paid to the sea of Rome, should utterly surcease, and neuer more to be leuiued: so that the king with his honorable counsaile should haue power and authoritie from time to time, for the ordering, redresse, and reformation of all manner of indulgences, priuiledges, &c. within this realme.

Where is to be noted by the way, as touching these Peterpence aforefaide, that the same were first brought in and imposed by K. Iua, about the yere of our Lord. 720. Which Iua K. of the Westsax- 6s, caused through al his dominioⁿ in euery house hauing a chim- ny, a peny to be collected & paid to the B. of Rome in the name of S. Peter, & therof were they called Peterpence vide supra pag. 127. The same likewise did Offa K. of Mercias after him, about the yere of our Lord. 794 vide pag. 114. And these Peterpence euer since, or for the most part, haue vsed of a long custome to be gather- ed and summoned by the Popes collectors here in England, fro the time of Iua aforefaide, to this present Parliament. An. 1533.

Finally, by the authority of the Parliament it was con- sulted and considered concerning the legalitie of the lawfull successi- on vnto the crowne, in ratifying and inhabling the heires of the kings body and Queene Anne. In the which parliament moreover the degrees of marriage plainly and clerely were expland and set forth, such as be expressly pro- hibited by Gods lawes, as in this Table may appeare.

A Table of degrees prohibited by Gods lawe to marrie.

- The sonne not to mary the mother, nor stepmother.
- The brother not to mary the sister.
- The father not to mary his sonnes daughter, nor his daugh- ters daughter.
- The sonne not to mary his fathers daughter gotten by hys stepmother.
- The sonne not to mary his aunte, being either his fathers or his mothers siter.
- The sonne not to mary his vncles wife.
- The father not to mary his sonnes wife.
- The brother not to mary his brothers wife.
- No man to mary his wiues daughter.
- No man to mary his wiues sonnes daughter.
- No man to mary his wiues daughters daughter.
- No man to mary his wities siter.

All these degrees be prohibited by the scripture.

All these things thus being defined and determined in this aforefaide Parliament, and also being in the same Par- liament concluded, that no man of what estate, degree, or condition soeuer, hath any power to dispense wth Gods lawes, it was therfore by the authoritie afore sayd, agring with the authoritie of Gods word, assented that the mary- age aforetime solemnised betwene the kyng and the Ladie Katherine, being before wife to prince Arthur the kynges brother, and carnally known by him (as is aboue proued) should be absolutely demed and adiudged to be unlawfull and against the law of God, and also reputed and taken to be of no value nor effect: and that the separation thereof by Thomas Cranmer Archb. of Cant. should stand good and effectuall to all intents: and also that the lawfull marriage betwene the king and the Lady Anne his wife should be established, approued, and ratified for good and consen- tant to the lawes of almighty God. And further also, for the establishing of thys kynges lawfull successi- on, it was fully by the sayd parliament adiudged that the inheriance of the crowne should remaine to the heires of their two bod- ies, that is, of the King and Queene Anne his wife.

During the time of this Parliament, before the marriage of Queene Anne, there was one Temle in the Common house, which moued the Commons to sue to the king, to take the Queene againe into hys companie, declaring cer- taine great mischiefs like to insue therof, as in bastarding the Ladie Marie the kings onely childe, and diuers other inconueniētes: which being reported to the kings eares, he sent immediately to s^r Thomas Audley, Speaker then of the Parliament, expressing vnto hym amongst other matters, that he marvelled muche, why one of the Parla- ment did so openly speake of the absence of the Queene

from him: which matter was not to be determined there, for it touched (sayde hee) hys soule, and wished the Mar- riage were good, for then hadde he neuer bene so vexed in conscience. But the Doctors of Amuerities (said he) haue determined the marriage to be void, and detestable before God, which grudge of conscience (hee sayde) caused hym to abstaine from her companie, and no foolishly, nor wanton appetite. For I am (sayde he) 41. yere olde, at whyche age the lust of man is not so quicke, as it is in yowthe. And sa- iuing in Spaine and Portugale, it hath not bene seene, that one manne hath married two sisters, the one being carnally known before: but the brother to mary the brothers wife, was to abhorred amongst all nations, that I neuer heard it, that any chistian man so did, but my selfe. Wherefore ye see my conscience troubled, and so I pray you report. And so the Speaker departing, declared to the Commons the kings saying.

Not long after that, the Kinge perceiuing belyke the mindes of the Clergie not much fauouring his cause, sent for the Speaker againe and 12. of the Common house, ha- uing with him 8. Lordes, and sayde to them: well beloued subiects, we had thought the Clergie of our realme had ben our subiects wholye, but nowe we haue well perceyued that they be but halfe oure subiectes: yea, and scarce oure subiectes: for all the prelates at their consecration, make an othe to the Pope, cleane contrarye to the othe that they make vnto vs, so that they seeme to be hys subiectes and not ours: and so the King deliuering to them the Copie of both the othes, required them to vniuer some order that he might not thus be deluded of his spirituall subiects. The Speaker thus departed, and caused the othes to be read in the Common house, the very tenor wherof here ensueth.

The othe of the Clergie to the Pope.

Iohn Bishop or Abbot of A. from this houre forward, shall be faithfull and obedient to S. Peter, & to the holy church of Rome, and to my Lorde the Pope, and his successours Canonically en-tring. I shall not be of counsaile nor consent, that they shall loofe either life or member, or shall be taken or suffer anye violence, or any wronge, by any meanes. Their counsaile to me credited by them, their messengers or letters, I shall not willingly discouer to any person. The Popedome of Rome, the rules of the holy fathers, and the regalities of S. Peter I shall helpe and retaine, and defende against all men. The legate of the sea Apostolicke going & com- ing, I shall honourably entreat. The rightes, honours, priuiled- ges, authorities of the Church of Rome, and of the Pope and hys successours, I shall cause to be conserued, defended, augmented, & promoted. I shall not be in counsell, treatie, or any acte, in the which any thing shall be imagined against him or the Church of Rome, their rights, itates, honours, or power: and if I knowe anye such to be moued or compassed, I shall resist it to my power, and assoone as I can, I shall aduertise him, or suche as maye geue hym knowledge. The rules of the holy fathers, the decrees, ordinances, sentences, dispositions, referuations, prouisions and commande- ments Apostolicke, by my power I shall keepe and cause to be kept of other Heretikes, schismatikes, and rebels to our holy father and his successours, I shall resist and persecute to my power. I shall come to the Synode whē I am called, except I be letted by a Canonically impediment. The lights of the Apostles I shall visite personally or by my deputie, I shall not aliene nor sell my possessions, wythout the Popes counsell, so God me helpe and the holy Euangelistes.

This othe of the Clergie men, which they were wont to make to the Bishoppe of Rome (nowe Pope quondam) was abolished and made voyde by statute, and a new othe ministered & confirmed for the same, wherein they acknow- ledged the King to be the supreme heade vnder Chryste in this Church of England, as by tenor thereof may appeare here vnder ensuing.

The othe of the Clergie to the king.

Iohn B. of A. vtterly renouice and clerely forsake al such clausēs words, sentences & grants, which I haue or shall haue hereafter of the Popes holines, of & for the bishoprike of A that in any wife hath bene, is, or hereafter may be hurtfull or preiudiciall to youre highnes, your heirs, successours, dignity, priuiledge or estate royal: and also I doe sweare that I shall be faithfull and true: and faith and truth I shall beare to you my soueraigne Lord, and to your heires, kings of the same, of life and limme, and earthly worship aboute all creatures, for to liue & die with you and yours against al people, and diligently I shall be attendant to all your nedes and businesse, after my wit and power, and your counsell I shall keepe and holde, knowledging my selfe to hold my Bishopricke of you onely, besee- ching you of restitution of the temporalities of the same, promising (as before) that I shall be faithfull, true, and obediēt subject to your said highnes, heires, and successours during my life, and the seruices and other things due to your highnesse, for the restitution of the temporalities of the same Bishoprike, I shall truly do and obedi- ently performe, so God me helpe and all Santes.

Peter pence topped fro Rome.

Peter pence how they came, & how long they continued. Vide supra pag. 127. Vide supra pag. 114.

Seperatio betwene the king and the Lady Catherine by acte of Parliament.

The mari age betwene the king and Queene Anne ap- proued by publicke Parliament. The heyres of K. Henry and Queene Anne ratified by Par- liament.

The words of the Parliament

The w. rai. 120

The men subiecte then thek.

The othe which the Clergie commonly giue to the Pope

Pope quondam. The othe of the Clergie to the king.