

Elizabeth Barto with her false conspirators.

Lord Cromwell, and Maister Hugh Latimer, shee was condemned and put to death with certeyne of her affinitie and Councell in the moneth of Aprill, an. 1533. The names of which conspirators with her, were these: Edwarde Bocking, Monk of Canterburie, Richard Gaster, Person of Alington, John Dering, Monk of Canterburie, Hugh Kiche, Frier warden of the Gray Friers of Canterburie, Richard Kisby, Henry Gold, bachelor of Dinitie, and Person of Aldermar, Fisher Bishp of Rochester, John Adelson Priest, his Chapleine, Thomas Laurence, the Bishps Register of Lanterburie, Edwarde Thwaites, Thomas Abell. Of the which persons, the sayd Elizabeth Berton, Henry Gold, Richard Gaster, Edwarde Bocking, John Dering, Hugh Kiche, Richarde Kisby, were attaynted of Treason by Acte of Parliament, and put to execution.

The residue as Fisher Bishp of Rochester, Thomas Golde, Thomas Laurence, Edwarde Thwaites, John Adelson, Thomas Abell, being conuicte and attaynted of misprison, were condemned to prison, and forsaied their goodes & possessions to the King. Ex Statut an. 25 Reg Hen 8.

Edward Hall, a wyter of our Englishe Stories, making mention of this Elizabeth Barton aforesayd, adioyneth next in his booke, the narration of one Pauier of Hamme, a notorious enemy (no doubt) to Gods truth, whys Pauier being the towne Clerke of the Citie of London, was a man (sayth he) that in no case coulde abyde to heare that the Gospell shoulde be in Englishe: In so much that the sayd Hall hymselfe heard hym once say vnto hym, and to other by, swearing a great othe: that if he thought the Kings highnes would set forth the Scripture in Englishe, and let it be read of the people by his authoritie, rather then he would so long liue, he would cut his owne throte, but he brake promise (sayth Hall) for he dyd not cut his throte with any knife, but with an halter did hang himselfe. Of what minde and intent he so did, God iudge.

My information farther addeeth this, touching the sayd Pauier of Hamme, that he was a bitter enemy, very bullic at the burning of Richard Baynham aboue mentioned, who hearing the sayd Baynham at the stake speaking against Purgatory and transubstantiation: let fire (sayd he) to this hereticke and burne hym. And as the trayne of gunpowder came toward the Martyr, he lifted vp his eyes and hands to heauen, saying to Pauier: God forgine thee, and shewe thee more mercy then thou doest to me. The Lord forgine Sir Thomas More, and pray for me all good people: and so continued he praiering, till the fire tooke his bowels and his head, &c.

After whose Martyrdom, the next yeare following, this Pauier the towne Clerke of the Citie, went and bought ropes, which done, he went vp to an hygh garret in his house to pray, as he was wont to doe, to a roode which he had there, before whom he bitterly wept: And as his owne mayde coming vp found him so doying, he had her take the rusty sword, and to make it cleane, and trouble him no more, and immediately he tied by the rope, and hoong himselfe. The maydes hart till throbbed, and so came vp, and founde him but newly hanged. Then the hauing no power to helpe him, running to the Church to hermiticks to fetch her home. His seruants and Clerkes he had sent out before to Finlbery, and to Maister Edney Sergeant to the Lord Maior, dwelling ouer Bishops gate, to tary for him at Finlbery Court till he came: but he had dispatched himselfe before, so that they might long looke for him before he coulde come, which was an. 1533.

Of this story of Pauier, may also be addeed the yphre terrible example of Doctor Foxford, Chancellour to the Bishp of London, a cruel persecutor and a common butcher of the good Saunces of God: who was the founder of all those aforesayd, which were put to death, reioyced, or abhorred vnder Bishp Stockelley through all the dioces of London. His Foxford dyed about this present yeare and tyme of whose terrible end it was then commonly reported and affirmed by such as were of right good repute, vnto certayne persons, of whom some be yet alive, that he dyed suddenly sitting in his chaire, his belly being brast, and his guts falling out before him.

About the same tyme died also William Wartham Archbysp of Canterburie: in whose tyme succeeded Thomas Crommer, which was the Kings Chapleine, and a great persecutor against the vnlawful marriage of Lady Katherine Bynnelle Dowager, being then so called by Acte of Parliament.

Ye heard before, how the Parliament had enacted, that no person after a certeyne day, should appeale to Rome for any cause, nor should any such thing be done, which was called Bynnelle Dowager, had appealed to the Courte of Rome, before that Acte made: so yf it was doubted, wher

ther that Appaale were good or not. This question was well handled in the Parliament house, but much better in the Conuocation house, and yet in both houses it was alledged, yea and by bookes shewed, that in the Councils of Calcedone, Africke, Toleranc, and diuers other famous Councils in the primatiue Church, yea in the tyme of S. Augustine it was affirmed, declared, & determined that a cause rising in one prouince, should be determined in the same & that neither the Patriarke of Constantinople should meddle in causes moued in the iurisdiction of the Patriarke of Antioch, nor no Bishp should entermedle within an others prouince or countrey, which thyngs were to clerksly opened, & so clingly set forth to all intetes, yf euey ma that had witte, & was determined to follow yf truth, & not willfully wedded to his owne mynde, might playnly see yf al appeales made to Rome, were clearly voyde & of none effect, which do cringes & coufesses, were shewed to Lady Katherine Bynnelle Dowager, but she (as wome loue to lose no dignitie) euer continued in her old long, trusting moze to the Popes partialitie, then to the determination of Chyriste veritie.

Wherupon the Archbysp of Canterburie Cranmer aboue named, accompanied with yf Bishps of Lodon, Winchester, Bath, Lincoln, & diuers other great Clerkes in a great number, road to Dunstable, which is vi. myle fro Amphyl, where the Bynnelle Dowager lay: & there by a Doctor called Doctor Lee, she was alited to appeare before the sayd Archbysp, in cause of Matrimony, in the sayd towne of Dunstable: & at the day of appearance, she would not appeare, but made default, & so was called peremptorily, euey day, xv. dayes together, and at the last, for lacke of appearance, & for contumacie, by the assent of all the learned men there being present, she was diuorced from the kyng; & their Matriage declared to be voyde and of none effect: which sentence geuen, the Archbysp and all the other, returned backe agayne.

Where note that although this diuorce folowynge after the new Matriage, needed not at all to be made, the first Matriage being no Matriage at all before God, yet to satisfie the voyce of the people, more then for any necessitie, the kyng was contented through the persuasions of some, so to doe. For els as touching God and conscience, what great neede was of any diuorce, where before God, no Matriage was to be accounted, but rather an incestuous & detestable adultery, as the Act of Parliament doth terme it: But to our matter agayne.

After the dissolucio of this first Matriage made betwixt the kyng & the Lady Bynnelle Dowager, she neuertheless bearyng a stout mynde, would not yet relent, neither to the determination of the Vniuersities, nor to the censure of the Clergy, nor of the whole Realme, but folowynge the counsaile rather of a few Spanyardes, to molest the kyng & the realme by sute, & means made to the Pope, procured certayne writinges, full of inuention and aggrauation, the of excommunication and interdiction to be sent downe from Rome, wherein the Pope had interdicted both the kyng & the whole Realme. But the Popes Cursoy being not the hardest ma (belike) that euer shewed his head, thought it much more sure for him to discharge his Bynnelle cartiage without the kynges reach, & so keeping himselfe aloofe of (like a prey man) set vp his writinges in the Towne of Dunkirke in Flaunders. In the which towne, first upon the fourth daye of the Church was let vp a monition, that the kyng of England should intercale the sute of diuorce, the which John Butler Clerke, the Commisary of Calice, by commaundement took downe in a night.

After that, before whynnycke there was set vp in the same place an excommunication, aggrauation, regranation, & interdiction. For the which also, the sayd Butler by commaundement was sent to Dunkirke to take it downe. And because the counsell of Calice would be certified of his diligence therein, they sent a seruant of the Lord Wille, the Deputie of Calice, whose name was Cranuell, and vpon Wednesday in Whitsontweke, at viij. of the clocke in the morning, he came it downe whole and brought it with hym, & deliuered the same to the Lord Deputie aforesaid, which was about the yeare, 1533.

This bringyng knowne & certified vnto the kyng, he was most ioyfully receiued, and such as were about her, and named her thereto, should be peruerser. And therefore the Duke of Suffolke was sent to Wighen beside Dunstyngho, where the sayd Lady Katherine lay, to be wearyng her stomach to continue forward still, in answering hym with high voyces, & to be ready to part hym into her priuy chamber, & shut the doore, & brake by the doore of her Court, & discharged a great sort of her household seruants, & yet lether a conuener number to serue her like a Bynnelle. They that remained still, were voyde to serue her

Concluded by counsell of the primatiue church, that noe should appeale out of their prouince.

Lady Katherine solemnly diuorced fro the king.

A note.

Writings set vp at Dunkirke against the king.

Ioh. Butler of Calis took downe the writte at Dunkirke against the King.

K. Henry & the realme indicted by the Pope.

The Lady Katharines court discharged.

A maruelous iudgement of god against Pauier an open enemy to his worde.

Pauier a bitter enemy against Rich. Baynham.

Pauier a persecutor hanged him selfe.

The terrible had of Gods iudgement vpon Foxford the Bishps Chancellour. The death of W. Warham Archb. of Cant. Tho. Cranmer Archb. of Cant.

Queene Catherine appealeth to Rome.