

in doubt to moue this matter for hys purpose to any of the rulers or Officers of the towne of Antwarpe, for doubt it should come to the knowledge of some Englishmen, & by the meane thereof, M. Tindall should haue had warning.

So Philippes went from Antwarpe to the Court of Bruxelles, whiche is from thence 24. English miles, the King hauing there no Ambassadour: for at that time the king of England and the Emperour were at a controuersie for the question betwixt the King and the Ladie Isatherine, which was Aunt to the Emperour: and the discorde grew so much, that it was doubted least there should haue bene warre betwene the Emperour and the king, so that Philippes as a traitour both againt God and the king, was there the better retained, as also other traitors moe besides him: who after hee had betrayed master Tindal into their hands, shewed himselfe againt the kings owne person, and there set forth things againt the king, to make short, the said Philippes did so much there: that hee procured to bring from thence vnto him to Antwerpe that Procurour general, which is the Emperours Attourney, with other certain officers: as after followeth. The which was not done wth small charges and expences, from whome so euer it came.

Within a while after, Poyntz sitting at his doore, Philippes man came vnto hym, and asked whether Maister Tyndall were there, and sayde his maister would come, to hym, and so departed. But whether hys Philippes were in the towne or not, it was not knowne: but at that time Poyntz hearde no more, neyther of the maister nor of the man. Within 3. or 4. daies after, Poyntz went forth to the Towne of Barrow, being 8. English miles from Antwerpe, where he had businesse to doe for the space of a moneth or lixe weekes, and in the time of hys absence, Henric Philippes came againe to Antwerpe to the house of Poyntz, and comming in, spake with his wife, askinge her for M. Tindall, and whether he woulde dine there with him, saying: what good meat shall we haue? she answered, such as the market will giue. When went he forth againe (as it is thought) to pounce, and lette the Officers whych hee brought wth hym from Bruxelles, in the streete, and about the doore. Then about noone he came againe and went to M. Tindall, and desired hym to lend him 40. shillings, for (sayd he) I lost my purse this morning, comming ouer at the passage betwene this and Machelyn. So M. Tindall toke him 40. shillings, the whych was easie to be had of him, if he had it: for in the wylie subtilities of this world he was simple and vncerperte.

Then sayde Philippes, M. Tindall you shall be my guest here thys day. So sayd M. Tindall, I goe forth thys day to dinner, and you shall go wth me and be my guest, where you shall be welcome. So when it was dinner time, maister Tindal went forth with Philippes, and at the going forth of Poyntz house, was a long narrow entrie, so that 2. could not go in a frount. M. Tindal would haue put Philippes before hym, but Philippes woulde in no wise, but put M. Tindall afore, for that he pretended to shewe great humanity. So maister Tindall being a man of no greates stature, went before, and Philippes a tall comely person folowed behinde him, who had set Officers on either side of the doore vpon 2. seats: which being there, might see who came in the entrie, and comming through the same entrie, Philippes poynted with his finger ouer M. Tindals head downe to him, that the Officers which sat at the doore, myght see that it was he whome they shuld take, as the officers that toke M. Tindall, afterward tolde Poyntz, and sayde to Poyntz whē they had laid him in prison, that they pitied to see hys simplicitie when they toke him. Then they toke him and brought him to the Emperours Attourney or Procurour general, where he dined. When came the Procurour general to the house of Poyntz, and sent away all that was there of maister Tindals, as well his bookes as other things: and from thence Tindall was had to the Castle of Fylforde, 18. English miles from Antwerp, and there he remained vntill he was put to death.

Then incontinent by the helpe of English marchants, were letters sent in the fauour of Tindall, to the Court of Bruxelles. Also not long after, letters were directed out of England to the counsaile at Bruxelles, and sent to the marchantes aduencurers to Antwerpe, commaunding them to see that with speede they should be deliuered. Then such of the chiefest of the marchants as were there at that time being called together, requiured the sayde Poyntz to take in hand the deliuerie of those letters, w letters also from them in the fauour of M. Tindall, to the Lorde of Barrow and others, the which lord of Barrow (as it was told Poyntz by the way) at that time was departed from Bruxelles, as the chiefest conductour of the eldest daughter of the King of Denmarke, to be married to the Paligraue, whose mother was sister to the Emperour, the being chiefe Princesse of

Denmarke. who after he heard of hys departure, did ride after the next way, and ouertooke hym at Akon, where hee deliuered to him his letters. & he which whē he had receyued and red, he made no direct answer, but somewhat obiecting, said: there was of their countreimen that were burnt in England not long before, as in dede there were Anabaptists burnt in Smithfield, and so Poyntz said to him: howbeit sayd he, what so euer the crime was, if his Lordship or any other noble manne had wrytten, requiring to haue had them, he thought they should not haue bene denied. well sayde he, I haue no leisure to wryte, for the Princesse is ready to ride.

Then sayde Poyntz, if it shall please your Lordship, I will attend vpon you vnto y next baiting place, which was at Mastright. If you so doe, sayde the Lorde, I will aduise my self by the way what to write. So Poyntz folowed him from Akon to Mastright, the which are 15. English miles asunder, & there he receiued letters of him, one to the counsaile there, an other to the company of the marchants aduencurers, & an other also, to the Lorde Cromwell, in England.

So Poyntz roade from thence to Bruxelles, and then and there deliuered to the counsaile, the letters sent out of England, wth the Lorde of Barrows letters also: and receiued answer into England of the same by letters, which he brought to Antwerpe to the English marchantes, who required him to goe wth them into England, and be very desirous to haue M. Tindal out of prison, lette not for to take paines with losse of time in his owne busines and occupying, but diligently folowed wth y said letters, which he there deliuered to the counsaile, and was commaunded by them to tary vntil he had other letters, of the which he was not dispatched thence in a month after. At length the letters being deliuered him, he returned againe & deliuered them to the Emperours counsaile at Bruxelles, and there taryed for answer of the same.

When the sayd Poyntz had taried 3. or 4. daies, it was tolde him of one that belonged to the Chancery, that M. Tindall should haue bene deliuered to him accordinge to the tenour of the letters: But Philippes being there, folowed the suite againt maister Tindall, and bearing that hee should be deliuered to Poyntz, and doubting least hee shuld be put from his purpose, he knew none other remedy but to accuse Poyntz, saying: that hee was a dweller in the towne of Antwerpe, and there had bene a succourer of Tindal, and was one of the same opinion, and that all this was onely his owne labour and sute, to haue M. Tindall at libertie, and no mans els.

Thus vppon hys information and accusation, Poyntz was attached by the Procurour general, the Emperours Attourney, and deliuered to the keeping of two Sergeants of armes: and the same evening was sent to hym one of the Chancery with the Procurour general, who ministered vnto hym an othe, that he should truly make answer to all suche things as should be inquired of hym, thinking they would haue had no other examinations of hym but of hys message. The next day likewise they came againe and had him in examination, and so five or lixe daies one after another, vppon not so fewe as an hundred Articles, as well of the kings affaires as of the message concerning Tindal of his aiders and of his religion. Out of the which examinations, the Procurour general drew 23. or 24. articles, and declared the same againt the said Poyntz: the copy wherof he deliuered to him to make answer therunto, and permitted him to haue an Aduocate and Procour, that is a doctor and Procour in the lawe: and order was taken, that 8. daies after, he should deliuer vnto them his answer, and from 8. daies to 8. daies, to procede til the processe were ended: Also that he should send no messenger to Antwerpe, where as hys house was, being 24. English miles from Bruxelles, where he was prisoner, nor to any other place, but by the post of the towne of Bruxelles: nor to sende any letters, nor any to be deliuered to him, but writte in butch, and the Procurour general, who was parry againt him, to reade them, to peruse & to examine them thorowly, contrary to all right and equite, before they were sent or deliuered: Neither might any be suffered to speake or talke w Poyntz in any other tongue or language, except only in the Dutch tongue, so that his keepers who were Dutchmen, might vnderstand what the contents of the letters or talk should be, sauing that at one certaine time the Prouinciall of the white friers came to dinner where Poyntz was prisoner, and brought wth him a young Nouice being an Englishman, whom the Prouinciall after dinner, of his owne accord, did bid to talke wth the sayde Poyntz, and so wth him he was licenced to talk. The purpose and great pollicy therin was easie to be perceiued. Betwene Poyntz & the Nouice was much prery talke, as of sir Tho. More, and of y bishop of Rochester, and of their putting to death: whose

Letters fro the Lord of Barrow to the Lord Cromwell, concerning M. Tindall.

Poyntz sent with letters fro Bruxelles to England.

The suite of Philips againt M.

Tindall. Poyntz attached by Philips.

Poyntz examined.

Talke betwene Poyntz, and a Nouice.

Henry Philipps traytour and betrayer of M. Tindall.

The simplicity of M. Tindall.

How Tindall was betrayed into his enemies hands.

Tindall had to the Castle of Fylforde.

Letters sent fro England by the Lord Cromwell and others, in the behalfe of M. Tindall.