KYNG HENRY THE. VII.

Inne: the vsage hath euer ben of themes to robbe on shoterz hill, ergo is it lawfull: with answere the spiritaull men were sore offended, because there doyages were called robberies, but the temporall men stode still by there saiynges, in so muche the saied gentle man saied to the Archepbischop of Caunterburie, that both the exacciion of probates of Testamentes, and the takynge of Mortuaries, as they were usd were open robbery and theft: after long disputacion, the temporall lorde began to lean to the commons, but for all that, the billes remained vnoconcluded a while.

In the meane season, there was a bill assented by the Lordes, and sent doune to the commons, theffect whereof was, that the whole realme by the saied acte, did release to the kyng all suche somes of money as he had borrowed of them at the loane, in the fifteene yere of his raigne (as you haue hard before) this bill was sore argued in the common house but the most parte of the commons were the kynges seruante, and the other were so labored to by other, that the bill was assented to.

When this releas of the loane was knowen to the commons of the Realme, Lorde so they grudged, and spake ill of the hole Parliament, for almoast evry man counted it his dette, and reconed suerly of the payment of the same, and therefore some made there willes of the same, and some other did set it ouer to other for debt, and so many men had losse by it, which caused them sore to murmure, but ther was no remedy. The kyng like a good and a discrete prince, seing that his commons in the Parliament house had released the loane, enteneyng somewhat to requite the same, graunted to them a generall Pardon, of all offences, certayn great offences and debts only except: also he aideth them for the redresse of there greues against the spiritaullie, and caused two newe billes to be made indifferently, both for the probate of Testamentes and mortuaries, which billes were so resonable that the spiritaull lorde annexed to them all though thei were sore against there myndes, and in especiall the probate of Testamentes sore diseased the bishes, and the mortuaries sore diseased the persones and vchars.

After these Actes thus agreed, the Commons, made a nother acte for pluralites, of benefices, none residence, byeng and selling and takynge of fermen by spiritaull personn, which acte also diseasied the spiritaullie that the priestes railed on the commons of the common house, and called them hereticke, and scismatike, for the which diverse priestes were poynished.

This acte was sore debated aboue in the parliament chambre, and the Lords spiritaull woulde in nowse consent. Wherefore the kyng perceyning the grudge of his commons, causd eight lorde and eight of his commons to mete in the starte chambre at an after none, and ther was sore debatayng of the cause, insonnuelle that the temporall Lords of the vpper house, which were there, toke parte with the Commons, agaynst the spiritaull lords and by force of reason caused them to assent to the bil with a little qualifying, whiche bill the nexte day was wholly agreed to in the lorde house, to the great rejoysing of the lay people, and to the grete displeas of the spiritaull personn.

Duryng this Parliament was brought doune to the commons, the boke of articles whiche the Lords had put to the kyng agaynste the Cardinall, the chief articles were these.

First that he without the kynges assent had procurd to be a Legate, by reason whereof he took away the right of all bishops and spiritaull personn.

Item, in all wriynges which he wrot to Rome or any other forayn Prince, he wrot Ego et Rex meus, I and my kyng, as whoould say that the kyng were his seruant.

Item, that he hath salandered the church of England in the courte of Rome, for his suggestion to be legate was to reforme the churche of Englaunde, which as he wrote was Facta in reprobam censum.

Item, he without the kynges assent, caried the kynges great Scale, with hym into Flamanders when he was sent ambassad to the Emperoure.

Item, he without the kynges assent, sent a commission to Sir Gregory de Cassado, knighte,