

Inne: the vsage hath euer ben of theues to robbe on shoters hill, ergo is it lawfull: with answere the spirituall men were sore offended, because there doynge were called robberies, but the temporall men stode still by there saynges, in so muche the saied gentle man saied to the Archebishop of Cauntorburie, that both the exaccion of probates of Testamentes, and the taking of Mortuaries, as they were vsed were open robbery and theft: after long disputacion, the temporall lordes began to leane to the cōmons, but for all that, the billes remainned vnconcluded a while.

In the meane season, there was a bill assented by the Lordes, and sent doune to the commons, the effect wherof 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 fiftene 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 seruantes, and the other were so labored to by other, that the bill was assented to.

The loane released.

When this release of the loane was knowen to the commons of the Realme, Lorde so they grudged, and spake ill of the hole Parliament, for almoste euey man counted it his dette, and reconed suerly of the payment of the same, and therefore some made there willes of thesame, and some other did set it ouer to other for debt, and so many men had losse by it, which caused them sore to murmur, 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, entending somewhat to requite the same, graunted to them a generall Pardon, of all offences, certayn great offences and debtes only except: also he aided them for the redresse of there greues against the spirituaic, and caused two newe billes to be made indifferēty, both for the probate of Testamentes and mortuaries, which billes were so resonable that the spiritnall lordes assented to them all though thei were sore against there myndes, and in especiall the probate of Testamentes sore displeased the bishopes, and the mortuaries sore displeased the persones and vicars.

After these Actes thus agreed, the Commons, made a nother acte for pluralities, of benefices, none residence, buyng and seiling and taking of fermes by spirituall persones, which acte so displeased the spirituaic that the priestes railed on the commons of the common house, and called them heretikes, and scismatikes, for the which diuerse priestes were punished.

This acte was sore debated aboue in the parliament chambre, and the Lordes spirituall woulde in nowise consent. Wherefore the kyng perceiuing the grudge of his commons, caused eight lordes and eight of his commons to mete in the starre chambre at an after none, and thier was sore debatung of the cause, insomuche that the temporall Lordes of the vpper house, which were there, toke parte with the Commons, agaynst the spirituall lordes and by force of reason caused them to assent to the bil with a litle qualifying, whiche bill the nexte day was wholly agreed to in the lordes house, to the great reioisung of the lay people, and to the greate displeasor of the spirituall persones.

Duryng this Parliament was brought doune to the commons, the boke of articles whiche the Lordes had put to the kyng agaynst the Cardiaall, the chief articles were these.

First that he without the kynges assent had procured to be a Legate, by reason whereof he toke away the right of all bishopes and spiritual persones.

Item, in all writynges which he wrot to Rome or any other forayn Prince, he wrot *Ego et Rex meus*, I and my kyng, as who woulde say that the kyng were his seruaunt.

Item that he hath sclaudered the church of England in the courte of Rome, for his suggestion to be legate was to reforme the churche of Englande, which as he wrote was *Facta in reprobum censum*.

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

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