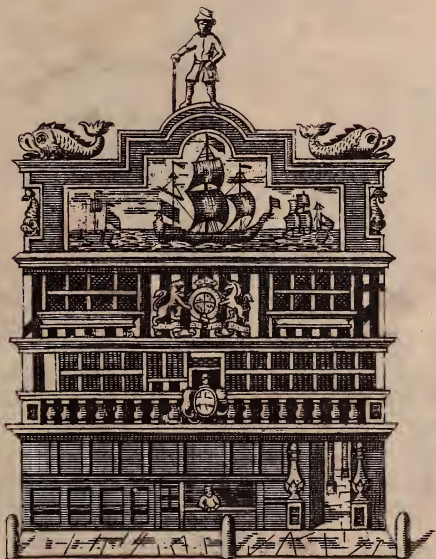


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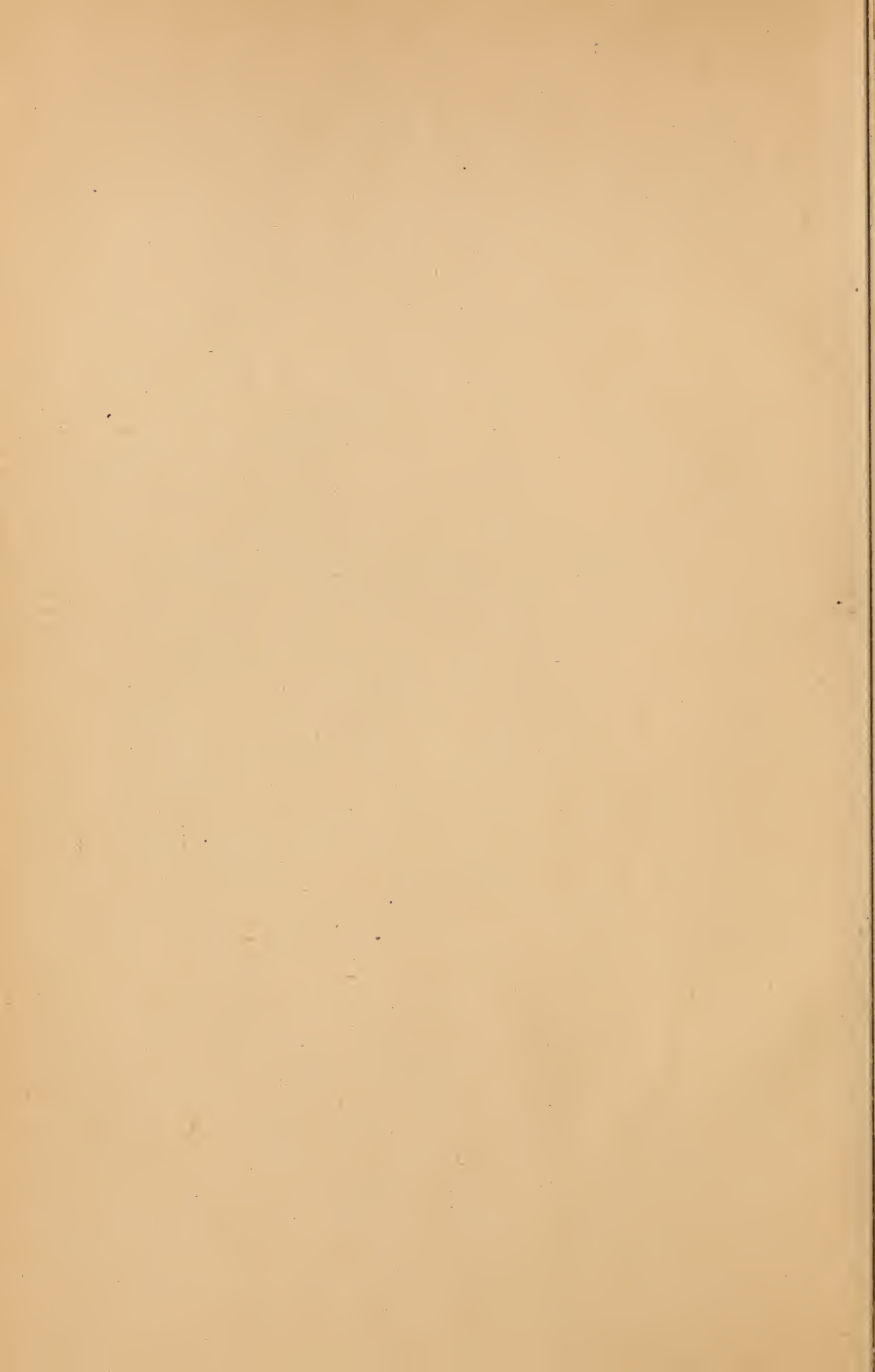
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Hereas it is a thing
out of cōtrouersie, that
certaine Marchaunts
resiant and inhabiting
within and neere vnto
the Sownde in the king-
dome of *Denmarke*, cō-
monly called the Mar-
chants of the *Hanse*
townes, wil grieuouly
exclaime among for-

reine Nations, against the chiefe Commanders of
the Fleete of the most excellent Queene of Eng-
land, as infringers of the law of Nations, and of the
ancient contracts made betwixt the Kings of Eng-
land, and the *Hanse* marchants, and as contempners
of the Newtralitie which the said *Hanse* marchants
doe chalenge to themselues, whereby they thinke
and hold it lawfull for them to exercise the trafique
of all marchandises whatsoever, with all people
whosoever, euen in the times of greatest hostilitie

betweene whatsoeuer kings and Princes, by reason of the intercepting & arresting of certaine of their ships, passing to the ayde and furnishing of the king of Spaine with corne, and prouisions of warre: it seemed good vnto her foresaid excellent Maiestie, in respect of her good will, together with singular affection and loue to the sacred Empire, the Emperours Maiestie himselte, the noble Princes of Germanie, and to all & singular the Estates of the Empire, in this publike sort to make it manifest for what causes the aforesaid *Hanse* ships were stayed by the officers of her Fleete, and as lawfull prizes taken and confiscated. Which is done to no other end or purpose, but to make it euident that the same action doth stand & agree with equitie and iustice, and to be a thing most probable, that other Princes whosoeuer, their seruants and Officers in the like case, and vpon the like occasion, woulde not haue failed to take the like course.

For it is a thing notorious & sufficiently knowen, not onely to the fewe *Hanse* townes, but also to all Christendome, that the king of Spaine is transported with a mortall hatred against the Queenes Maiestie of England: a witnes whereof is the intended but not performed inuasion of the kingdome, and Dominions of England by the saide king the yeere last past, furthered by him with all his force, but by the mercie of God vtterly disappointed.

Which exulcerate malice of the Kings minde, not lately sprong vp, but of long time lurking in the closet of his heart, yet foreseene and still preuented by the Queenes Maiestie, she often by her messengers sent to him for that purpose, as with most
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gentle medicines inducours to anwaie, to reduce him to a newe minde meeter for a Prince, and so great a king as himselfe: to the ende that remouing out of both their mindes not onely the staine, but also the suspition of the staine of discontentments, they might dispose themselues to enter and conclude a firme peace and durable friendship, according to the ancient leagues betweene their progenitours and fathers, and their kingdomes, for the space of many yeeres happily continued.

The king as a man bewitched by the bishop of Rome, the very firebrand and bellowses of all the ciuill warres in Christendome, neglecteth the remedies and conditions of peace that haue bene offred, and perseuereth according to his beginning, in his hostile intēdement against her Maiestie, not otherwise contentable or satisfiable then with her destruction, the slaughter and bloodshed of her people most obedient vnto her, and to bee short, with the conquest of the whole kingdome.

And for the better effecting hereof, hee hath oftentimes sent his messengers (you woulde rather say his fireflingers) into England, & of latest yeeres two speciall persons, of all the rest most eger and furious, *Gyrald Despes*, and *Bernardine Mendoza*, who ceased not to sound and perswade the mindes of all those whome they coulde growe in acquaintance with, and were men giuen ouer to all mischiefes and diabolical practises: promising them, and bestowing vpon them extraordinarie rewards, of purpose to stirre them vp to moue domestical conspiracies against her Maiestie.

And how much they preuailed in their attempts,

it is not materiall in this place particularly to discusse, for so this worke woulde growe large. The 3. principall conspiracies, the one of the Earles of Northumberland and Westmerland, and of their partizans, the second of the Duke of Norfolke, the third of the two Pagets brethren, as also of the two Throckmortons and of their confederats, whereof some were condemned and executed, for their intended ouerthrow of the Queenes Maiestie, and of the state of the Common wealth, and the rest that are fled, and wander vp and downe in vncertaine places, and are to this day mainteined at the charge and by the purse of the Spanish King, are in this matter very sufficient witnesses.

But the Patrons and complotters of these rebellious, being subtile and cautelous in their actions, howsoeuer apparant the factes of their seditious ministers seeme to bee, yet peraduenture the Spaniard himself wil denie them to be his precepts, and directions. Did he then chastise those his ministers being returned into Spaine, as transgressors of his pleasures? Did hee detaine from them all rewards and preferments, as hauing ill deserued them? hath he blamed the auctours of such facts, and excused himselfe to the Queene? I would to God it were so.

But goe to, let these witnesses passe. May hee be taken for a man of a good spirit, & of no poysoned minde against her Maiestie? Let then *Guilielmus Catanens*, the Popes-Secretarie that nowe is be produced: let his worke of the life of *Pius Quintus* sometime bishop of Rome be read. The saide *Cataneus* in that booke of his reporteth, that Philip the king of Spaine complained bitterly and with great griefe
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to the Cardinall of *Alexandria*, sent vnto him into Spaine in the yeere 1572. because the conspired practise, as wel against England as Ireland, not long before entred vpon by his authoritie and aduise, had not that successe that he looked for.

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The conspiracie of the King of Spaine against the kingdoms of England and Ireland 1570.

Adde hereunto the ships and forces sent twise out of Spaine into Ireland vnder the pretext of the Popes name, As for the late treatie of peace with the Duke of *Parma* in Flanders, entred into vpon the mediation, and request of the good prince the King of *Denmarke*, how smoothe & how flie a tuche was that? for her Maiestie, being wholly bent to that treatie, with a sincere minde and vnfayned desire, beholde as then at her doores, that huge & mightie Fleete of Spaine, beholde a sort of Armies brought out of *Italie*, and *Germanie* into Flanders, labouring and prouiding for nothing els but the desolation of the kingdome of England, and the destruction of the Queene: for the Conspiratours had as it were with their fingers, appointed euery one of vs to the slaughter: they had distributed our houses and lands, and a newe Prince, a forrener was already ordeyned & created to enioy the kingdome.

Ships and forces twise sent into Ireland by the King of Spaine.

If the Spaniards seeme to obiekt against these so grieuous, so deadly, and so strange deuises, the succours which her Maiestie hath yeelded to the lowe Countreys, let them consider well, and they shall finde, that most of these practises haue in time preceded the transporting of any ayde to them: let them denie (if they can) that they sollicited many English Subiects to rebell, before her Maiestie, so much as thought, of the relieuing of her auncient confederats, by her honest and iust meanes.

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She appealeth to the King him selfe, and to his *Vice Royes* in Flanders, how often, and what messengers she sent before that into Spaine, and Flanders, for breeding a concord and agreement betwixt the King, and the Nether-landers, not with hard, but with honourable and equall conditions: against which *advisoes* and requestes, when the King began to be obdurate, and the auncient contracts of amitie betwixt the Nether-landers, and the Kings of England could not suffer them to be deprived of their lawes and libertie, and be exposed as a pray to Strangers, she at the last receiued them, being too much oppressed into her protection, onely of a desire to releue the poore afflicted people, and not to offer the smallest iniurie to the King.

For if she had bene disposed to regard her owne cōmoditie, she might haue taken another course, but she did not so: seeking rather as yet, earnestly, and diligently with any conditions, if not too vnreasonable, and such as may stand with her honor, and the profite of the state of Christianitie, howe a cōmodious and secure pacification may be made betwixt the King, and the States of the lowe Countreys.

In vaine, and contrary to reason, hath she maintayned with great charge, that honorable Ambassage to the Duke of Parma the last yeere: in vaine was shee aduertised of the monstrous Nauie of Spaine, and the miraculous swarmes of forces with Parma in Flanders, destinated & prepared for her ruine, and the spoile of her kingdome: she remained stil without all intention or disposition to send any further forces into Flanders, and was after a
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fort negligent, both of defending her selfe, and of extending the limits of her gouernement beyonde the Seas, with purpose to liue in quietnesse without feare, and in peace without ambitious desire of rule.

And howsoever she may be thought greedie of other mens Dominions, she sent to Parma very noble and excellent Ambassadors, who being delayed from day to day, from moneth to moneth, without any thing accomplished, she notwithstanding tooke it patiently, and suffered so farre these dangerous delays, that the Spanish Souldiers panting with haste and greedinesse for the blood and butcherie of her Maiestie, and people most deare vnto her, were come vpon her coastes, and before her doores. In this sort was her hope deluded, and her opinion frustrated by him, contrary to the royall dignitie of both the Kingdomes of England and of Denmarke.

Her Maiesties Ambassadors into Flanders intreate of a peace.

And if the victorious hand of God had not herein derided the cunning deuises and purposes of the Spaniards, if it had not scattered so great a terrour to all Christendome, and drenched their carkases in the Sea, what should the state of the said Hanse marchants haue bene, so busily and so contrary to al equitie and iustice, hastening to furnish him with corne & prouision for the warres? whither should the long and sacred quiet of the Romane Empire haue gone to hide it selfe? where should all other Nations that professe the truth of Christianitie, thinke that they might haue shrowded them selues to be free from his tyrannie, and safe from his murderers and cruel executioners? If they saw not that

their owne destruction was ioyned with the ruine of the Queene of England, either it must be saide that they woulde denie Christ, or that they were blinded to their owne miserie by the vengeance of God, for their secret sinnes. For where the cause of hostilitie is all one, the like effect and issue is to be looked for at the hands of a cruell and raging enemy of the trueth: for in a maner, all the inhabitants of the Hanse Townes are very good fauourers of the reformed Religion, and mortall enemies to the Romish errors. And would any man then beleue, that men so well instructed, coulde more respect their priuate gaine, I will not say their filthie lucre, then their owne securitie, the preservation of their Countrey, and the propagation of true Religion?

But what? will the inhabitants of the Hanse Townes pretend that they knewe not the Queene of Englands pleasure? The Citie of Hamborough by their letters written vnto the Queenes Maiestie, the 21. of September, in the yeere 1585. hauing besought her, that their ships might passe quietly vnto Spaine and Portugal, without stop or hindrance either in their passage or repassage, by her Maiesties Captaines at Sea, receiued not they answere to this effect?

We doubt not, but you haue heard what occasions of discord are lately fallen out betweene vs and the king of Spaine, whereof wee cannot thoroughly coniecture what troubles are like to ensue. If peace arise, we meane to deny you nothing, being our ancient confederates: but if it grow to a warre, we wish you aduisedly to consider, that it standeth not with the safetie of our kingdome, to suffer our enemies to bee ayded with corne, and prouisions for warre, thereby

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thereby to be armed against vs. Which things, according to your accustomed wisdomes you calling to minde, wee hope you will demaunde nothing at our handes, which may be hurtfull to our state: as for the transporting of other sortes of marchandise into those partes, whereby our enemies may neither bee ayded with victuals, nor necessaries of warre, we will not hinder you, but will permit your shippes to ride on our coastes, and to passe along with all fauour for the performance of their intended nauigatiō: with which our answere, we hope you will be fully satisfied and contented, the present state of things considered.

Secondly, whereas two yeeres after that, to wit, the last yeere the saide Burgomasters of Hamburrough sent *Sebastian Berghen* their Secretarie and Agent with letters vnto the Queene of England, desiring that vnder the colour and title of Newtrallitie, they might freely passe into Spaine and Portugall, and repasse againe with al kind of marchandise whatsoeuer, was not the saide *Sebastian* answered in this wise by the Lordes of her Maiesties Counsaile?

The Hamburg
petitorie messi
to the Queene
Maiestie.

Whereas the King of Spaine, hauing sent out his Nauie to inuade this Realme, to roote out the Christian Religion, & to worke the ruine & destruction of the Queenes Maieſtie, hath declared more clearely then the light it self, what he would haue the Queene of England to thinke of him, she deemeth it not reasonable vpon any colour to graunt either to the Hambourgers, or to any other the Haunſe Townes whoſoeuer, to carry corne, gunnepowder, and other appurtenances for the warre to so obstinate and manifest enemy of the true Christian Religion. That such as presumptuously durst attempt the contrary, should suffer the punishment of their vnbrideled licentiousnesse, if they

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fell into the handes of the Captaines, or other Subiects of the Queene of Englande, their goods and marchandises whatsoeuer thus transported against her Maiesties will to be made good prizes to any man that can take them, no excuse of Neutralitie preuailing to the contrary.

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Moreouer it is not to be omitted, that the Lords of her Maiesties Counsell aforesaid, hauing called for *Maurice Tymberman* resident in London, and Alderman (as they call him) of the Stilliard, commanded him to giue warning to all the *Hanse* Townes that her Maiestie willed, and according to her Soueraigne auctoritie in her Dominions, commanded that they shoulde forbear from thenceforth, from the beginning of the moneth of Ianuarie last past from carying of corne, and generally of all prouision of warre, cables, mastes, and like merchandise into Spaine and Portingall, whereby the enemye of her Kingdome might be the better furnished, vnder the paine of losse both of ships and goods, to be inflicted vpon such, as should violate this her princely commandement.

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That the *Hanse* Townes were not ignorant of this inhibition, appeareth by the letters of the Cities of Lubecke, and Hamborough, written afterwarde to the Queenes Maiestie, the 26. of March, and from Dantiske, the 13. of the saide moneth, before those ships set out from home, which are now taken. The same in like maner is apparant, by many bills of the hiring, and freyghting of their ships, wherein among others, this one thing is worth the noting, which was there found; that they couenanted in plaine words, with the shipmasters, that they should not passe into Spaine & Portingall through
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the English Chanel & visuall way, but on the backe
 side of the Kingdomes of Scotland, and Ireland, a
 newe and strange, and without doubt, a dangerous
 course: by which their intention and deede, they
 declared howe litle they cared for good meaning,
 and how carefull they were to arme and furnish the
 common and knowen enemye of the Queene of
 England. But as alwayes for the most part it falleth
 out, deceite doeth neuer thriue with any man, and
 when men thinke most to deceiue, they are decei-
 ued, and suffer the penaltie of their guile: for falling
 into the handes of her Maiesties armie vpon the
 coast of Portugall, and euen in the entrance of the
 hauen of Lisbon, they were brought backe into
 England, and by the lawe of Nations, are become
 prizes to him which tooke them.

Here now they cry out, that the Commaunders
 of our Fleete haue delt iniuriously with them, they
 exclaime that the leagues are broken, that their old
 priuiledges in England are violated, which they
 chalenge to belong to their Cities, and ought to
 be kept and mainteined. As though that any man
 were so madde, so farrre from the trueth of things, so
 carelesse of his owne safetie, so great an enemye to
 publike securitie, that with all his might and inde-
 uour, would not preuent the mischiefe and destru-
 ction hanging ouer the Commonwealth. He that
 withstandeth not wrong when hee is able, is in as
 great fault, as if he destroyed the Commonwealth.
 The preseruation of the people hath bene euer ac-
 compted among all nations, for the very supream
 Law. Are not the *Hanse* townes ashamed to main-
 taine and pretend a priuiledge, that is to say, a pri-
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uate lawe against a publike and soueraigne lawe? Did euer any king or Prince witting and waring, suffer such a kinde of trafike which should make his enimie ouer mightie, and though hee did not furnish himselfe, yet shoulde leaue himselfe more open vnto his furie, which otherwise were like to be vnarmed and vnable to wage warre against him?

In the yeere 1545. at which time the warres grew hotte betwixt the kingdomes of England and Fraunce, when the subiects of *Charles* the Emperour the fift of that name of noble memorie, would needes haue had free libertie of passage with all commodities into Fraunce, vnder pretext of their Newtralitye, What was the Emperours answere being a Prince of great equitie? Did he not openly pronounce that course of theirs altogether vnlawfull? let the Contract it selfe concluded the 6. day of April be lookt into.

When the Kings of Denmarke, and of Swethlande were at difference one with another, was it permitted to these Hansemen to conuay freely any thing into one of their kingdomes, which was not in deede ceased vpon & confiscated, if it fel into the laps of the other, not hauing first obtained speciall libertie for the same? Was this stately, & so much priuiledged name of Newtralitye at that time, of such force, that without vsing of any mediatur, it could recouer againe their goods out of the hands of the Danes & Swethens, & couenance the same in safetie, & securitie? Let them acknowledge that, whereof they are not ignorant, that although the Emperour *Ferdinande* and other Princes of the Empire dealt in their behalfe by way of intreatie and mediation,

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mediation, and that from the solemne assemblie of the said Empire, yet they in this case preuailed nothing at all with *Ericke*, the king of Swethland.

And further in the time of hostilitie betwene the Empire, wherewith as then the king of *Poland* ioyned against the great Duke of *Muscovie*, went these matters otherwise then? Could either the English marchants, or anie other frequent the *Narue* in *Liuania*, or any other partes of the Dukes dominions freely, and without daunger? Did the Hanse men which then were for their king and Emperor, deliuer and restore againe the shippes which they had intercepted and taken, from those which made such attempts? Many mens goods surprised by the Hanse men and others, as then intertaind against the *Moscouite*, and by them still detained, without anie precedent prohibitiō of passing to the said *Moscouite*, are hercof very good witnesses.

The Emperour and the King of Poland enemie to the Moscouite: the English and Hanse men friends.

It is also a thing well knowen, that the noble Prince of *Orange*, and the States, exercisid the like iustice, as well against the Hanse men, as others in times past.

And verely the foresaid Princes in these arrestes did that which was according to the tenour, and prescription of the lawes of the equitie of nations. For that same priuiledge of Newtralitie, is in such sort to bee vsed and inioyed, that in helping one of our confederates, we hurt not another: so that hee which helpeth one, & thereby damnifieth another, falleth from his priuiledge and contract: not because he helpeth one of his confederates, but because he doeth preiudice another, and by that fact of his, makes himselfe an enemie, as offering the first iniurie,

iniurie, and therefore in so doing, he is to bee taken and reputed for an Adherent, and Assistant to the enemie, and a very enemy himselfe.

This then beeing the state of these thinges, what lawe, what reason, or example may be objected to the contrary, but that it is lawfull for the Queene of Englād, whose scepter, diademe, kingdome, liuing, and life, are greedily thirsted after by the Spaniard, so potent and so malicious an enemie, to doe that against his fautors and fauourers so often premonished, which was lawful for the Emperour, for the Empire, for the king of Swethen, for the king of Denmarke, for the Prince of Orange, for the States of Netherland, yea for the *Hanse* men themselues to doe in the like cause, but not in the like danger, and extremitie as this is.

Nay, if wee thought it requisite to alleadge any thing out of the priuiledges themselues, whereof they haue so often, and so much complained, as being many yeeres withheld from them by iniustice, wee might offer the charter of *Edward* the first king of England, to be perused, granted in the third yere of his raigne: in which charter wee reade these expresse wordes.

Anno Do. 1302.

An exception in the priuiledge:

That all the aforesaide Marchants may at any time carrie, or cause to bee carried into or out of the kingdome of England, their marchandizes, which they shall bring with them, or buy here or otherwise come by, excepting to the countreyes of the manifest and notorious enemies of this kingdome.

So that either they must denie, that the king of Spaine hauing practised such cruell and horrible things (I would to God we might not say stil practising

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ling the same, is an enemy to the Queene of England, or els by the wordes of the aforesaide charter, (397) they must confesse that they are included within those boundes and limites, which they may not passe, if they desire to bee called and accompted friendes.

We may adde to all this, that it is a thing able to be shewed and proued in the Courts of Records of the kings of England, that heretofore the warres arising, and continuing betwixt the kinges of England and of Fraunce, the goods of these Hanse men were so subiect here in England, to arrestes, as now they are, vntill they grew more warie, and had put in sufficient Sureties, that they woulde not from that time transport any part of their goods into the prouinces and dominions of the French king.

By these reasons we take it plainely, and fully demonstrated, that her Maiesties Captaines by Sea, in the present arrest of the Hanse mens goods, haue committed no iniustice against their pretended priuiledges, but rather that they haue vtterly lost them for this pranke of theirs, in causing victualles and martiall furnitures to bee comiayed to the countries of her manifest and notorious enemies, directly contrary to the wordes specified in the priuiledges. Although her Maiestie is not purposed, notwithstanding all present extremities, and this most vile and most barbarous part of the Hanse merchants, to proceede in dealing with them, according to that seueritie of law which iustly she might execute, but is now thus farre onely resolued, to confiscate all the corne and prouisions of warre; and as for the shippes themselves, and other sortes

of marchandize in them, there is content to dismisse them for the present.

But nowe touching the matter of their priuiledges, for which they keepe such a stirre, in complaying to the Emperour, the states of the Empire, and al other princes els, which neuerthelesse are cleerly found to haue beene broken, and forfeited in the time of *Edward* the sixt, that most noble and famous prince. The *Queene* of Englande can sufficiently proue, that these *Hanse* men haue deserued no benefite or fauour at her hands, euen by the lawes of the Empire it selfe, if her Maiestie thought the argument necessary to stande vpon. It is a very apparant thing, that her Maiestie neglecting and not regarding the vniust pretenses and forged suggestions, wherewith these *Hanse* men haue charged her among strangers, hath yeelded to them no lesse a benefite of free negotiation, then to her owne subiects, without any other restraint but this, that in liewe and memorie of so singular a fauour, they also on their parts should graunt the like freedome in their portes, and cities to her subiects, and marchantes: and yet like vnkinde people, and without respect to this fauour, they returne to their olde byas, & cease not to attempt thinges dangerous to her Maiestie, and by the opinions of all princes in no case to bee suffered.

These *Hanse* men were at the like controuersie sometimes with the kings of *Denmarke* & *Swethen*, by reason of certaine like priuiledges in the kingdoms of *Norway* and *Swethland*, and the matter grew so hot that it brake out to an open warre: but with what fruite or gaine to the state of the *Hanse* men?

The fauour and liberalitie of the *Queene* of Englande, no lesse to the *Hanse* men, then to the singlich themselues.

men: this was the iudic: they were forced to accept
such conditions of priuiledges, not as they challen-
ged but as the foresaid kings thought iust, & equal. (398)
By which president they might learne if they were
wise, not to accept only, but most gladly & thanke-
fully to accept the conditions offered by her Ma-
iestie, as proceeding from such a kind of liberalitie,
that may make them in this case superiouts to all
other Strangers, equall and alike with her owne
Subiects. But if they continue in this their stub-
bernesse and ingratitude, let them take heede least
they plucke vpon themselues that most iust reward
of their most peruerse behaiours, whereof they
haue felt the smart before this, both in *Smethlande*,
Norway and *Liuania* also.

Seeing then these *Hanse* men haue receiued from
her Maiestie many great benefits, but no ill deserts
at any time, shee desireth the Emperours Maiestie,
and the rest of the Princes and States of the Em-
pire, to giue no credite to the rumours spread a-
broad by them, or by the friendes of the Romish
Church, or by such as are corrupted with *Spanish*
pensions, men suborned of purpose to scatter these
falsse surmises, to the ende that we being drawen to
a mutual dislike and hatred, they in the meane time
may the sooner and the more easily bring vs, and
the Religion which we professe (if it were possi-
ble) vnderfoote.

And further her Maiestie intreateth, that this
heauie warre entred into with the *Spaniard*, for the
mainteinance whereof no small but huge summes
are of necessitie required, and wherein the quarrell
is not in her owne behalfe onely, but for the safetie

of all the Kings, Kingdoms, and Dominions of Europe that professe the sinceritie of true Religion, and for that cause are as much hated of this Spanish enemie and his Romish Confederats, as her Maiestie is, may at the least in this one thing seeme more tollerable, and lesse difficult and labourious to bee continued, in not suffering the foresaid *Hanse* men, to transport to the forenamed common enemie, out of their Kingdomes, Dukedomes, Ports and Straights, any victuals or instruments of warre, by ordeyning seuerer corrections vpon the rebellious and disobedient, and such as shall dare to attempt the contrary, and to thinke of her Maiestie and her actions, as of a Prince most careful, both of the vniuersall peace of Religion, and of the safetie of all and singular Princes her Confederats, & that they would by ioyning their Counsels & forces in one, vse all their power and abilitie to extinguish the practises of the Romish priesthod, that so a sincere, holy, and largely extending peace, free from treacheries, may be entred, concluded and established throughout all Christianitie, to the honour of Almighty God, and the tranquillitie of all Kings, Princes and Estates, with all increase of happines. In which cogitation, her Maiestie most sincerely and constantly abideth, and will not cease (God blessing her) to remooue all impediments for her part, to procure this good effect according to her honourable desire.

The desire of the
Queenes Maie-
stie for a peace
through Chri-
stendome.

But nowe having hitherto spoken of the open violence of the Spanish King, and the Bishop of Rome, giue vs leaue to vse a fewe wordes also of another matter not lesse odious then the former, consisting

The Bishop of
Romes intiation
of England by
his Iesuites.

a thing so much the more diligently to be lookt vnto, by how much the more close and secret it is, and a thing that creepes farre without many mens knowledge. It is that same priuie legation and sending as it were in corners of certaine falsly termed Iesuites and Seminaries into this kingdome, to withdrawe the mindes of the simple and ignorant people, from their duetifull obedience to the Queenes Maiestie and the Realme. But as these kind of men doe spring of certaine runnagates, and fugitiues naturally borne Subiects, who at home, either for pouertie growe desperate, or by reason of their vicious liues, could not long lie hid: so being nowe sent home againe by the Pope, cease not vnder the habite of their superstitious profession to runne from house to house, frō Towne to Towne, stirring vp the people by their whisperings to rebellion, and scattering certaine popish Buls, made and sent for that purpose, teaching the people out of them, vnder the paine of excōmunication, and of a curse, that there is no hope of saluation remaining them, except they change their affections, and cast off their due obedience to her Maiestie.

Those of her Maiesties Subiects, which being taken with these Buls, and called in question for the same, haue reuealed their practises: and being moued with a conscience of their offence, doe returne to a better minde, and doe forsake that filthie sinke or dunghill of the companie and opinions of Iesuites and Seminaries: are pardoned of their former transgressions, and passe without punishment: but as for those that are rooted in their wickednesse,

ie manifest
reason of the Te-
rites, against the
Queenes Maie-
tie, & the king-
dome of Eng-
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demaunded, whether if an inuasion of the kingdome should be made by the Bishop of Rome or the Spanish King, they would (as good Subiects ought to do) stand for the Queene or no, they answered stoutly and proudly, that they are bound whensoever it should seeme good to the said Bishop of Rome, to make any such inuasion of the Kingdome, and Dominions of her Maiestie, to assist and further the said inuasion, by al the wayes and meanes they can.

I aske nowe of you, what Prince soeuer you be, hauing the authoritie of a Prince, what you would doe with such monsters as these are, giuen ouer after this sort to such diuelishnes? would you suffer the cloke of popish religion and obedience, to exempt such traytors from the seueritie of Iustice? woulde you suffer them to liue, that woulde you should not liue? surely no Prince or Monarche ought or may tollerate such monstrous creatures, except he purposeth voluntarily to neglect good lawes, his people, kingdome, and life; and sinne grieuously against God himselfe. And these are the monsters that are in England committed to execution; howsoever the companions of their treasons, by their infamous libels spread amongst the people crie out, and say, they suffer for the cause of Religion onely, and for their consciences.

Many of her subiects, and they no obscure men, but some of the Nobilitie, and some others of the degree of knights are witnesses, that howsoever they stand catholically affected, yet as long as they containe themselues within the compasse of their duetie, & obedience to her Maiestie and the State,

are

are neither committed to prison, nor in any ill sort
vsed, only for breaking the lawes of frequenting the
Churches, are peradventure rated at some pecu- (400)
ninarie fine.

The ende and purpose why wee speake and pub-
lish these things, is to let all good Princes and Ma-
gistrates, and others desirous to know the trueth of
things, vnderstande howe and by what meanes, as
openly, priuily, by force of armes, and practises of
treacherie, the state of her Maiestie and of her king-
dome is assaulted by the bishop of Rome, and the
Spanish King: and therefore howe conueniently
and necessarily her Maiestie is drawn to resist this
force and to auoyde these frauds, and with what in-
iurious allegations the execution of lawes and iu-
stice, is as it were torne and rent in pieces, not only
by malicious imprinted Libels, but also by painted
tables and pictures, signifying I knowe not what
monstrous things, resemblances of some barba-
rous crueltie, as they falselcalumniate and ex-
claime, to be vsed against the foresaid Iesuites, and
Seminarie Priests, that is to say, against men guil-
tie of high and horrible treason.

But as for her Maiestie, she desireth to stand as a
person voide of all trueth and credite with good
Princes, if she euer punished any of these men with
any strange or newe kinde of torment, then is ap-
pointed by the prescript of the ancient lawes of
this Realme prouided against such persons, as shall
be found and conuicted for Rebels and Traytors.

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