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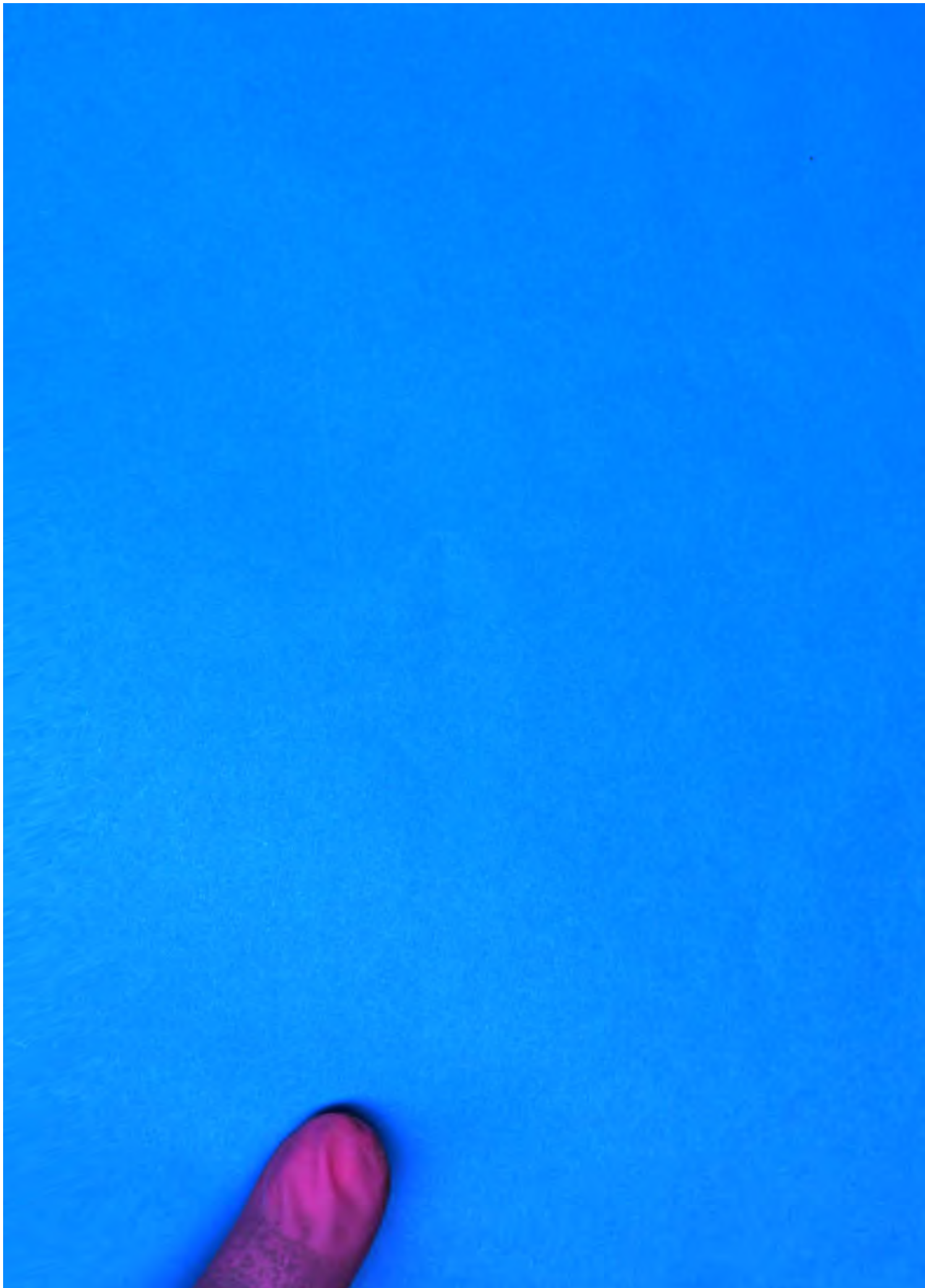
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The Popes Brief:

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R O M E S

Inquiry after the death of their *Catholiques*
here in ENGLAND, during these Times of

WARRE:

Discovered by two Commissions; The one sent
from the Pope that now is: The other, from the Bishop
and Duke of *Cambrey*, to severall Commissioners in *England*:

Whereby the Death of such *Catholiques* may be returned to the See
of *Rome*, to be determined of (*As may be fit for the glory of God.*)

Together with

A C A T A L O G U E

Of the Vicars Generall, and Archdeacons under the Bishop of *Calcedon*, for the settling of the Popish Hierarchy in *England*.

With divers LETTERS concerning the same.

Also severall

LETTERS and PAPERS

Of the Lord *Inchiquin* in *Ireland*, Intercepted by the Earl of *Warwick*, and sent to the House of Commons; wherein is discovered the ungratefull and perfidious dealing of the said Lord with the Parliament of *England*.

Ordered by the Commons in Parliament, That the said Commissions, together with the Hierarchy, and severall Letters and Papers Intercepted, be forthwith Printed and published:
H: Ellyng, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

London, Printed for Edw: Husbonds: Decem. 7. 1643.





[Note:] That this Commission, together with a Letter herewith Printed concerning the same, was taken at *Great-Yarmouth* in the county of *Norfolk*, amongst divers other Letters and Papers directed to divers Papists in *England*, from one *Walter Winsor* a Papist, who brought the same from *Flanders*, as he confesseth in his Examination, on the 26. of September, 1643. which said *Winsor* still remaineth in custody.

The Commission.



Rancis Vander Burch, Dei & Apostolica sedis gratia Archiepiscopus & Dux Cameracen', Sac. Rom. Imp. Princeps, Comes Cameracensis, &c. Executor & Commissarius ad infra tam una cum quibusdam aliis nostris in hac parte Collegis per litteras Apostolicas in vim clausula & quamlibet ipsorum specialiter deputatus omnibus & singulis ad quos presentes nostra littera pervenerint, quousque in fratrum tangit negotium seu tangere poterit quomodo libet in futurum, communiter vel divisim quibuscunque nominibus consecretur, aut quacunque presulgeant dignitate, salutem in Domino sempiternam, & presentibus fidem indubiam adhibere nostrisque

strisque, imo, verius Apostolicis obedire mandatis. Litteras Sancti in Christo Patris Domini nostri, Domini Urbani divina providentia Papa Octavi, nos cum eâ qua: decuit reverentiâ recepisse noveritis, hujusmodi sub tenore. Urbanus P. P. Octavus ad futuram rei memoriam Pij Dilecti filii Procuratoris Generalis Congregationis Angliæ Ordinis Sancti Benedicti votis annuere, illumque specialis gratiæ, favore prosequi volentes & à quibusvis excommunicationis suspensionis & interdicti aliisque Ecclesiasticis sententiis, censuris & penis à Jure, vel ab homine quavis occasione vel causa latis, si quibus quomodolibet imo datus existit ad effectum presentium duntaxat consequendum harum serie absolventes & absolutum fore censentes: Supplicationibus ejusdem Procuratoris Generalis nomine nobis super hoc humiliter porrectis inclinati de venerabilium fratrum nostrorum S. R. E. Cardinalium in tota Republica Christiana contra hæreticam pravitate Inquisitorum generalium ab hac Sancta sede Apostolicas Specialiter deputatorum consilio Venerabiles fratres Archiepiscopum Cameracensem, ac Andomar' & Ipren' Episcopos, & quemlibet ipsorum Apostolica auctoritate tenore presentium subrogamus in locum Ordinariorum in Angliâ ad effectum tantummodo auctoritate Ordinaria legitime instituendi Processus super causa, & genere mortis eorum qui pro fide Catholica in Anglia patiuntur, ita ut hujusmodi processus aliaque acta ab illis, seu quolibet ipsorum legitime confecta ad Doctrinæ passionem, & mortes verificandas fiant auctoritate Ordinaria, nec aliter, nec alio modo, irritum & inane decernentes quidquid secus super his à quicumque scienter, vel ignoranter contigerit attentari, Non obstantibus quatenus opus sit felicis recordationis Bonifacii Papa Octavi prædecessoris nostri de una, & Concilii Generalis de duabus dictis, aliisque constitutionibus & Ordinationibus Apostolicis ceterisque contrariis quibuscunque. Datum Romæ apud Sanctum Petrum sub Annulo Piscatoris die vigesima tertia Februarii, Anni millesimi sexcentissimi quadragesimi tertii, Pontificatus nostri anno vigesimo, signat. M: A: Maraldus.

Post quarum quidem litterarum Apostolicarum præinsertarum præsentationem & receptionem nobis & per nos, ut præmittitur, factas, fuimus per Reverendos Dominos, Dominum Georgium Masket Collegii Anglicani Duaceni Præsidentem, fratrem Joannem

nem Melitise *Conventus Sancti Gregorii Magni Benedictino-*
rum Anglorum Priorem, & fratrem Angelum de Sancto Fran-
cisco Provincia fratrum Minorum in Anglia Commissarium,
pro parte totius Cleri secularis Anglicani Congregationisque
Anglicanae Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, & dicte Provincie fra-
trum Minorum debita cum instantia requisiti, quatenus ad ea-
rundem preinsertarum litterarum Apostolicarum & contentorum
in eisdem executionem, juxta traditas seu directas à sede Apo-
stolica presentia per easdem litteras nobis facultatem, formam
& auctoritatem procedere Litterasque nostras desuper opportunas
concedere vellemus & dignaremur. Nos igitur Franciscus Van-
der Burch, Archiepiscopus & Dux Cameracen', S. R. Imp.
Princeps, Comes Cameracesii, &c. Executor & Commissarius
subrogatus auctoritate Apostolica presentia in locum Ordinarius
in Anglia, attendentes requisitionem hujusmodi esse justam &
rationi consonam, Volentesque Mandatum Apostolicum supradi-
ctum nobis in hac parte directum & commissum reverenter exequi,
prout tenemur: idcirco auctoritate Apostolica nobis commissa, &
quâ fungimur in hac parte, tenore presentium committimus &
deputamus pro iis qui Londini, vel juxta Trentam fluvium ver-
sus Londinum in Anglia degunt, Reverendos Dominos D. Geor-
gium Gage Prothonotarium Apostolicum, P: Thomas Dade Or-
dis Sancti Dominici in Doctrina Anglia Provinciale, Pa-
trern Benedictum Coxium Congregationis Anglicanae Ordinis
Sancti Benedicti Presbyterum, P: Franciscum Bell Provincie
fratrum Minorum in eadem Anglia Definitorum; Pro iis qui
Eboraci, vel ultra Trentam fluvium respectu civitatis Londinen-
sis in supradicta Anglia degunt, Reverendissimum Dominum
Philippum serenissima Regina Anglia Confessarium, ac Reveren-
dos Dominos D. Georgium Catherick, P: Robertum Hado-
kium, alias Bensonium, Provincie Eboracen', Ordinis Sancti
Benedicti Exprovinciale, ac P: Gulielmum Andertonum Or-
dis Sancti Francisci Religiosum, omnes simul & conjunctim
ac quemlibet eorum divisim ac separatim in solidum ad effe-
ctum legitime instituendi Processus super causa, & genere mor-
ris eorum, qui in suis respectivè districtibus, hac ultima sevi-
ente contra Catholicos ibidem persecutione pro fide Catholica oc-
subuerunt, dicta auctoritate Apostolica mandantes iis ut personaliter
accedant

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accedant loca, que propter hoc fuerint, & erunt accedenda, & evocatis coram se personis probis ac fide dignis, qua passionis ac mortis huiusmodi Catholicorum notitiam habuerint, de veritate passionis ac mortis eorundem formæque causis scientia, & circumstantiis ad rem facientibus, aliisque ad rei certitudinem requisitis seu alias opportunis præviis solemnibus juramento diligenter interrogent, audiant, & examinent, earumque personarum nomina, cognomina, dicta & depositiones pertinentiter in scriptis redigant, & sic redacta & fideliter clausa ad nos dirigant, ut ea postmodum ad sedem Apostolicam transmittamus, quatenus de iis quod iustum fuerit ad Dei gloriam statuat & decernat. Caterum intendimus & declaramus quod si aliquis, vel aliqui dictorum, per nos Deputatorum, per seipsum vel seipsos, hoc munus personaliter præstare non potuerit, vel non potuerint, ille vel illi quem vel quas aliquis vel aliqui dictorum Deputatorum ad dictum effectum subrogare voluerit, vel voluerint, simili omnino potestate & Iurisdictione quam principales & primo Deputati gaudent vel gaudeant quantum aliquis dictorum Deputatorum vel ab iis subrogatorum, aliis legitimè impeditis in dicto Processu instituendo cum effectu pergat & procedat, & auctoritate nostra ordinaria per sedem Apostolicam nobis attributa ex nunc prout tunc ipsis huiusmodi tribuimus facultatem. In quorum omnium fidem ac robur presentes per Secretarium nostrum expeditas vestris signatura sigilloque communiimus. Datum Cameraci in Palatio nostro Archiepiscopali, Anno Domini millesimo sexcentesimo quadragesimo tertio mensis Junii die decima.

Franciscus Vander Burch,
Archiepiscopus Cameracen.

De Mandato Illustrissimi & Reverendissimi Domini D. Archiepiscopi & Ducis Cameracen. Patr.

Fonlon, Secret.

5. October, 1643.

FFrancis Fander Burch, By the Grace of God, and of the Apostolicall Sea, Archbishop and Duke of Cambrey, Prince of the Sacred Romane Empire, Earl of Cambresis, &c. Agent and Commissary for the things hereafter mentioned, Joyntly, and severally, with some others in that behalf, by Apostolicall Letters especially deputed. To all and singular persons, to whom our present Letters shall come, and whom the matter herein after mentioned, doth or may concerne, joyntly and severally, by what names soever they shall be called, or of what dignity and honour they shall be of, health everlasting in the Lord, to give undoubted credit to these Presents, and to obey our, or more truly the Apostolicall commands. Know ye, we did receive with that reverence which was meet, the Letters of the most Holy Father in Christ, our Lord, the Lord *Urbane*, by the Divine Providence, the Eight Pope of that name, under this Tenure, Pope *Urbane* the VIII. for future remembrance of the matter: Being willing to Condescend unto the pious desires of our beloved Son, the Generall Procuratour of the Congregation of *England*, of the order of Saint *Bennet*, and to favour him with a speciall Grace (and by the Order of these Presents absolving him, and holding him to be absolved, from whatsoever censure of Excommunication, Suspension and Interdict, and all other Ecclesiasticall Censures, and Paines inflicted by Law, or by man: For whatsoever occasion or cause, if in any way, he do lye under any of them, onely for he effecting of these Presents)

Inclining

Inclining unto the Petition humbly presented unto us in that behalfe, in the name of the same Generall Procurator, with the Councill of our venerable Brethren, the Cardinals of the holy Roman Church, Inquisitours Generals, especially deputed by this holy Apostolicall Sea in all the Christian Common-wealth against Hereticall wickednesse, by the tenour of these presents, and Apostolicall authority we substitute our venerable Brethren the Archbishop of *Cambrey*, the Bishops of Saint *Omer* and *Iper*, and every one of them into the place of ordinary in England only to that effect, that they may by ordinary authority according to Law make out Proesse, *To enquire after the cause and kinde of death of them that suffer in England for the Catholique Faith* : So that such Proesse and other Acts lawfully done by them, or any of them, for the clearing of the Truth of such sufferings and deaths, be done by ordinary authority, nor otherwise, nor in any other manner ; Commanding that whatsoever in that behalfe shall happen herein to be attempted otherwise by any man, either wittingly or ignorantly, it shall be void and of none effect ; Notwithstanding any use that may be made of the Constitution of Pope *Boniface* the eight, our Predecessor, of most happy memory, commonly called *de Una*, or that of the Generall Councill, commonly called *de Duabus*, or any other constitutions or Apostolicall Ordinances made to the contrary whatsoever. Given at Rome at Saint *Peters* under the King of the Fisher, the three and twentieth day of February 1642. in the twentieth year of Our Popedome, signed *M. A. Maraldus*.

After the presentation and reception of the which Apostolicall Letters above written, to Us and by Us
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(as is abovesaid made) we have been earnestly and duly required by the Reverend Masters, Master *George Maitshen*, President of the English Colledge of *Dowey*, Fryer *Iohn Mentiffe*, Prior of the Covent of *Saint Gregory the great*, of the English *Benedictines*, and Frier *Angell* of *Saint Francis*, Commissary of the Province of the Friers Minorites in England, on the behalfe of all the Secular Clergie of England, of the English congregation of the Order of *Saint Bennet*, and of the said Province of the Friers Minorites, that we would be willing & vouchsafe to go on in the execution of the same above mentioned Apostolicall Letters, and of the contents of the same, according to the power, manner, and authority, given or sent to us from the said Apostolicall Sea by the same Letters, and to grant to that end as necessary Letters. We therefore *Francis Vanderburgh*, Archbishop and Duke of *Cambrey*, Prince of the sacred Roman Empire, Earle of *Cambresis*, &c. Agent and Commissary substituted by the above-said Apostolicall Authority into the place of the Ordinaries in *England*, taking into consideration that such a request is just and reasonable, and willing (with reverence as we ought to do) to put in execution the abovesaid Apostolicall command directed & committed to us in that behalf. Therefore by the Apostolicall authority committed to us, & by the authority which we exercise in that behalfe; by the Tenure of these presents, we ordaine and depute for them that live at London or on this side Trent in England, the Reverend Mrs. *M. George Gage*, Apostolicall Prothonotary, Father *Thomas Dade*, Provinciall of the order of *Saint Dominick*, in England aforesaid; Father *Bennet Cox*, Priest of the English Congregation of the Order of *S. Bennet*, Father *Francis Bell*, Limitor

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Collector

Collector of the Province of the Friars Minorites in England aforesaid; and for those that live at York, or beyond the River of Trent in England aforesaid, the Reverend Mr. *Phillips* Confessor to the most gracious Queene of England, and the Reverend Masters, Master *George Cathericke*, Father *Robert Hadock*, alias, *Benson*, late Provinciall of the Province of Yorke, of the order of *S. Bennet*, and Father *William Anderton* of the order of *S. Francis*; all & every one of them, joyntly, severally, and wholly to this purpose; that they according to law make presse to inquire of the cause and kinde of death of them, who in their respective Limits, during this last fierce persecution there against the Catholickes, have dyed for the Catholick Faith: Commanding them by the said Apostolicall Authority, that they do personally repaire to such places, as for this purpose are or shall be to be repaired unto: and that they call before them, such persons of honesty and credit, as have knowledge of the sufferings and deaths of such Catholicks; and that they diligently inquire, heare and examine, upon solemne oath, the truth and manner of their sufferings and deaths, and the causes of such their knowledge and such circumstances pertaining to the same and other things requisite for the discovery of the truth of the matter: and that they conveniently put in writing, the names surnames, sayings, and depositions of the said persons, and direct them to us, being so disposed, & faithfully closed up; *That we may afterwards transmit them to the Apostolicall See; to the end that the said See may ordaine and determine of them, that which shall bee fit to the glory of God.* Moreover, we intend and declare, That if any one, or some of them deputed by us by himselfe, or by themselves, cannot personally,

personally performe that office, he or they, whom, one or some of the said deputed persons shall or will substitute to that effect; he or they so substituted, shall enjoy the very like power & jurisdiction, as they which were principally and first deputed, doe enjoy: To that end, that any one of the said deputies or their substitutes, the rest having lawfull excuse of absence, may proceed and go on with effect in the execution of these presents, and by our ordinary authority given unto us by the Apostolicall See from this time forth wee grant unto them such power; for testimony and credit whereof we have authorized with our hand and seale these presents: Dispatched by our Secretary.

Given at *Cambrey* in our Archiepiscopall Palace in the yeare of our Lord 1643.

Tenth of June


FRANCIS VANDER BURGH,
Archbishop of *Cambrey*,

By the command of the most Illustrious and Reverend Lord, the Lord Archbishop and Duke of *Cambrey* aforesaid.

By *Foulin* Secretary.

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The second and principal reason is because the Pope
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This Figure of a Crosse  was on the top of the Letter.

Very much respected Sir,

SEeing that I was to write unto you about the busi-
ness contained in the inclosed Commission, I was
also commanded by my Master (who is altogether
unknown unto you) to let you understand, that the Bear-
er (who is the Foreman of his shop) is sent to the party
with Letters from Mr. *Lozelin* (the which he is to im-
part unto you) and with Letters from himselfe, to the
Parents of some young men, who are Prentises here; ex-
pecting to heare their resolutions before they can be-
come Free-men. I hope that you will find him to be a
fit man for both employments (if you would be pleased
to assist him with the best advice whiles he is a stranger
amongst you) peradventure you will startle at the sight
of the inclosed Commission, considering how the times
go now in those parts, and to how little purpose it is to
medle in affairs of that nature. But if you please to know
the true reasons and motives why I sent it now, I doubt
not but that you will rest satisfied. The first is, because I
had now an extraordinary good opportunity to send it
safely by a known friend, who would have a special care
to see it conveighed unto you, with those small directi-
ons it hath; which none could make any use of, (in case
it should fall into their hands) but only the Bearer: and
if I should not have sent it now by him, the directions
must have beene such as might have brought you into
some question, if my Letters had been intercepted.

The second and principall reason is, because the Pope

is old and sickly, and so is the Archbishop of Cambrey, and if either of them dye before the matter be begun by one or other, the grace would be of no force: and if any of the three named in it do but call any one Catholike man and take such information as hee can give of the martyrdom of Father *Ambrose*, and record them before witness, the grace will be of such force that wee may make use of it, any time these thirty or forty years following, when the said parties are dead. Therefore I beseech you excuse me for having sent it unto you: and for Gods sake commend it presently to some of the parties named in it, or to be named by them, to see the matter begun, as I have said, and then to be kept in great secrecy till we see better times.

Thus in haste I bid you fare-well.

August 17. 1643.

Your true Friend

B. B.

This Letter was intercepted with the former Commission, with divers other Letters to Papists in England.

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A C A T A L O G V E
O F
The Vicars Generall and Arch-Deacons in
ENGLAND, under the Bishop
of CALCEDON.

Vicars Generall constituted, by the most Reverend
RICHARD Lord Bishop of **CALCE-**
DON, *By the Letters dated the first*
of JUNE, 1625.

Two months
after his Ma-
jesty came to
the Crowne.

M After *John Colleton* Episcopall Vicar in the eleven Provinces under-written, Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridge, and the Isle of Ely, Bedford, Buckingham, Middlesex, and Hartford, The City of London, and the Suburbs, and the City of Westminster.

To Master *John Colleton*, being disabled through old age, is added, as a Coadjutor, Master *Gregory Fisher*, alias *Muscot*, Arch-Deacon of Surrey and Middlesex, by the letters bearing date the tenth of February, 1626. by the most Reverend *Richard* Lord Bishop of *Calcedon*.

2. *Edward Bennet* Episcopall Vicar in the sixteen Provinces under written, viz. Wales both South and North parts, the Isle of Anglesey, Hereford, Shropshire, and Chester.

3. Master

3. Master *John Bostile*. Doctor of Divinity, Episcopall Vicar in the five Provinces under-written, Oxford, Warwick, Northampton, Stafford, & Worcester.

4. Master *Broughton*, Episcopall Vicar in the seven Provinces under-written, Huntington, Rutland, Lincoln, Leicester, Nottingham, Darby, and York.

5. Master *John Jackson*, Episcopall Vicar in the six Provinces under-written. Dorchester, Wiltshire, Gloucester, Somersetshire, Devonshire and Cornwall.

6. Mr. *Cuthbert Trollop*, Episcopall Vicar in the five Provinces under-written. Lancaster, Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerland, and the Bishopricke of Durham.

7. Master *Benjamin Norton* Episcopall Vicar in the five Provinces under-written. Kent, Surrey, Suffex, Hampshire and Barkshire.

Arch-Deacons and their Provinces.

1. Master *John Colleton* Arch-Deacon in the County of Kent.

2. Master *Arthur Pitts* Arch-Deacon of the Cities of London, Westminster, and the Suburbs.

3. Master *John Bostile*, Doctor of Divinity, Arch-Deacon in the Counties of Warwick and Leicester.

4. Mr. *Edward Bennet* Arch-Deacon in the Counties of Buckingham and Bedford.

5. Mr. *Thomas Wright* Doctor of Divinity, Arch-Deacon in the Counties of Norfolk, Cambridge, and the Isle of Ely.

To Doctor *Thomas Wright*, now resident in the parts beyond Sea, is constituted as a coadjutor, Master *Elisba Brazant*, by the Letter of the most Reverend Lord, *Richard* Bishop of *Calcedon*, dated the 11. of Febr. 1626.

6. Master *Richard Broughton* Arch-Deacon in the counties of *Huntington Rutland, Lincoln*

7. Master *John Jackson* Arch-Deacon in the counties of *Wiltshire and Hampshire*.

8. Master *Cuthbert Trollop* Arch-Deacon in the counties of *Northumberland and Bishoprick of Durham*.

9. Master *Roger Strickland* Arch-Deacon in the county of *York*.

10. Master *John Mitchell* Arch-Deacon in the county of *Lancaster*.

To Master *John Mitchel*, weak through old age, is constituted as a coadjutor, Master *John Redman*, by the Letters of the most Reverend *Richard* Lord Bishop of *Calcedon*, dated the tenth of February, 1626.

11. *Ioseph Heynes* Arch-Deacon in the county of *Essex and Suffolk*. To which *Heynes*, Master *John Southcot* Doctor of *Divinity* is coadjutor.

12. *Richard Button* Arch-Deacon in the counties of *Stafford and Chester*.

13. *Humphrey Hammer* Arch-Deacon in the counties of *South-Wales and Hereford*. To whom succeeded Mr. *Guin*.

14. *Math* Arch-Deacon in the Counties of *Norfolk, Cambridge and*

14. *Matthew Britton* Doctor of Divinitie Archdeacon in the Counties of *Westmerland* and *Cumberland*.

15. Master *George Fisher* Archdeacon in the Counties of *Middlesex* and *Surrey*.

16. Master *Humphrey Hughes* Archdeacon in the County of *North-Wales*.

17. Master *Thomas Moore* Archdeacon in the Counties of *Hartford* and *Northampton*.

18. Master *Thomas Morton* Archdeacon in the Counties of *Devonshire*, *Cornwall*, and *Gloucester*.

19. Master *William Shilley* Archdeacon in the County of *Sussex*.

To him succeeded *M. Lane*.

20. Master *Anthony Teuchnor* Archdeacon in the Counties of (*Oxford* and *Barkeshire*).

21. Master *John Merricke* Archdeacon in the Counties of (*Shropshire* and *Worcester*).

To him succeeded *M. Hyde*.

22. Master *Thomas Manger* Archdeacon in the Counties of (*Somerset* and *Dorsetshire*).

23. Master *Thomas Worthington* Archdeacon in the Counties of (*Nottingham* and *Darbie*).

The new division of the Provinces, of the Vicaries and of the Archdeacons, with the number of the Archdeaconries, contained in every one of the Vicarships.

1. The first Vicarship contains seven Counties or Provinces, viz. Cornwall, Devonshire, Somersetsbire, Wiltshire, Gloucestersbire, Hampshire, and it hath under it, three Archdeaconries.

1. Cornwall	2. Somersetsbire	3. Wiltshire
} Devonshire	} Dorsetshire	} Gloucestersbire
		} Hampshire

2. The second Vicariate contains seven Counties, viz. Middlesex with the City of London and City of Westminster, Kent, Sussex, Surrey, Barkeshire, Essex, and Hartfordshire, and it hath foure Archdeaconries,

1. London	2. Surrey	3. Kent	4. Essex and
} Middlesex	} Barkeshire	} Sussex	} Hartford

3. The third Vicariate contains five Counties, viz. Bedfordshire, Huntingtongshire, Cambridgeshire with the Isle of Ely and with the part of the Province of Lincolnshire which is called Holland and Norfolke and out of that part which is called Marshland and Suffolke; And it hath three Archdeaconries.

1. Bedford	2. Suffolke	3. Cambridge with the Isle of
} Huntingtong	} Norfolke	} Ely, Holland, & Marshland.

4. The fourth Vicariate contains eight Counties, viz.

viz. Oxford, Buckingham, Northampton, Leiceſter, Stafford, Warwicke, Worceſter and Cheſter, and hath foure Archdeaconries.

}	1. Oxford	}	3. Worceſter.
	Buckingham		Warwicke.
	2. Northampton		4. Stafford
	Leiceſter.		Cheſter.

5. The fifth Vicariate contains fiveteen Counties, viz. North-Wales, South-Wales with the Iſle of Angleſey, Hartford, and Shropſhire, and it hath three Archdeaconries.

1 North-Wales with the Iſle of Angleſey, Mounigomerie, Merioneth, Denbigh, Flint, Carnarvan.

2. Monmouth, Clamorgan, Radnar, Cardigan, Carmarthen, and Pembroke.

3. Hereford and Shropſhire.

6. The ſixth Vicariate contains five Counties, viz.

1. Yorkeſhire.	}	2. Darbiſhire	}	3. Lincolne
		Nottingham		Rutland

7. The ſeaventh Vicariate contains five Counties, Lancaſhire, Weſtmerland, Cumberland, Northumberland, and the Biſhopricke of Durham, and it hath three Archdeaconries.

}	1. Lancaſhire.	}	2. Weſtmerland	}	3. Northumberland & the
			Cumberland		Biſhoprick of Durham

According to the preſent diuiſion there are ſeaven Vicariſhips and three and twenty Archdeaconries, viz. Two more then there were heretofore ordained. That if it

doth not seeme good to multiply the number of the Archdeacons, the present division may be so ordained that *Cheshire* and *Staffordshire* shall be taken from the fourth Vicarship, and the Archdeanerie of *Worcester*, and *Warwickeshire*, shall be added thereunto, and *Cheshire* shall be ioyned to the Archdeanerie of *North-Wales* or *Lancashire*, and so shall belong to the fifth or seaventh Vicarship.

A Committee of Parliament sitting at *Rochester*, intercepted the foresaid Catalogue and divers other letters and papers herewith printed, as they were carrying to the Bishop of *Chalcedon*, for the nominating such persons to fill up vacant places in *England* as his Lordship shall thinke fit.

SIR,

SIR,

I Send you all the inclosed open, that ere you deliver them to my Lord, you may if you please take Copies of them, or at least be able to suggest unto his Lordship the ordering of his Secretary to copy out, and keepe safe such Records as we are in danger here to lose, and cannot misse without great prejudice to our Clergy.

You have herein what light and assistance we can give you towards filling up the Chapter, in case you persist in that resolution in these confused times, which perhaps considering my Lords age were not amisse to dispatch, if not before, at least as soone after the election of a Coadjutor as may be, lest his Lordship die before it be done, for we were better have it done lesse compleatly before his Lordships death then not at all; and this cogitation hath accurred since I writ the former Papers, wherein was some doubt made about the point, especially in the long Letter I had written to you before this setting downe the present state of your Chapter, and certifying who are living thereof, who Dead, wherein are some things necessary perhaps to shew my Lord what ere the whole Letter it selfe be, which I referre unto your discretion, because I had no notice from his Lordship of filling up all the vacant places in the Chapter, only of adding some more Canons thereunto.

As I had written thus farre, I received yours of this weeke, and by good fortune Master *Herbert* was actually with Master *Webster* at the same time; so after he had read your Letter to him, and heard how earnestly Mr. *Webster* moved not to resist his Brethrens Election, in case your selfe may not comply with the place, hee at last consented to submit to what his Brethren should finally conclude upon, desiring first, that they advise againe about your selfe, if there be any probabilitie with you to comply with the Place, if not, you see by his consent our businesse is at an end, for he hath (in case you faile) all the Votes there, and here of those that are to Vote herein; as also he hath Master *Bensons* of *Doway*, and doubtlesse will have most, if not all, of our Brethren in the Countreies, who are not yet consulted about this affaire, but shall be speedily.

The said News of Mr. *Montague* being taken at *Rockester*, and Mr. *Montague* preparati-

preparation for him in the Tower doth much afflict his friends, and will be as unwelcome to you, as to any man living. This night the *Count de Harcourt* is expected in Towne; I beseech you excuse me at this time to Master *Clifton*, you see I have been overcharged with the inclosed, and pray tell my Lord I had not time to write faire those Lights I send him for the Chapter besides they are not so perfect as were requisite if we had more time, but if his Lordship will give longer time, he shall have it more exact. The ninth Canon now I perceive was Master *Herbert*; excuse, if what I writ before in that be obscure or lesse exact, for I have no time to rectifie it, you may easily mend all Errours therein by what is written otherwise about this businesse of the Chapter.

S I R,

According to your desire, and my promise, I now send you the state of our present Chapter, together with such Patents as will be necessary for the filling up thereof, with a particular of how many thereof are dead, and with such a note (as upon so short a warning could be gotten) of names to fill it up againe, as have been by those of the Chapter in *London* reflected on, for such was your desire.

The Copies of the Patents are such as Master *Lovell* left me, and I shall desire that you will cause them to be kept there in safetie, lest those I have here should in these troublesome times miscarry; I could wish you had also there other Copies of things most necessary, which I find here handsomely recorded in Bookes by Master *Lovell*, God rest his soule; but truly I am so ill, I cannot my selfe transcribe them, and to trust them out of my hands in these times to Scribes, I dare not, and spare the Booke I cannot, so I must hope God will protect them and us his servants, whom they concerne.

You will perceive by the Copic of the Catalogues of Vicars and Archdeacons which Master *Lovell* left, as I now send them to you transcribed, that there have bin two divisions of the Counties, in the first there appeare 55. in the last but 52, Counties or Shires distributed

distributed unto the care of 7. Vicars Generall, and of 23. Archdeacons, out of which number of Archdeacons you must deduct but 7. forasmuch as the 7. Vicars Generall not being (as Vicars) of the Chapter were made each of them Archdeacons purposely to render them Chapter men also, so that how ere the number of Archdeacons be 23. yet deducting 7. out of that number, as appropriate to the 7. Vicars, you will find remaining only 16. Archdeacons, I meane such as are purely Archdeacons, and not Vicars to boote; And yet by the Note of Master *Lovells* at the end of the new Division, he thinkes there was an intention to have only 22. Archdeacons in all, or to speake perhaps more properly to the Bishops intention, but 22. Chapter-men. Yet I find that either you must increase the former districts of some Archdeacons, or else you will not exhaust the Counties in the distribution thereof, for you shall not find the Counties of *Nottingham* nor *Darby* appropriated to any Archdeacon, unlesse you resolve the number of 23. shall stand good. And perhaps that number was reduced to 22. only in the last Division upon reflection that the seventh Vicar *viz.* Master *Norton* was not made Archdeacon, that I can find upon any Record, and I send you all I have of this nature, so that my Lord and you of the Chapter there, must please to resolve whether there shall be any Vicar Generall without the Title of Archdeacon, and so let the first number of 23. Archdeacons stand good, or whether all the seven Vicars shall be Archdeacons, and then the last Division of Archdeacons into 22. to remaine. It seemes here most consonant to reason, to make each Vicar Generall an Archdeacon, but what you there resolve will be here allowed of, but you shall doe well to appropriate such Counties to each Vicar and Archdeacon, as may be most convenient for them to repaire unto, which will be a hard matter to determine in these unsettled times.

And hence you will perceive that by the Addition of Canons to the Chapter, which you know were added but lately, that without filling up the places of the old Chapter-men deceased, you will have as great a number almost of Chapter men now living to choose a Coadjutor to the Deane (which is the present affaire in agitation) as would have been if all the dead persons vacant places were filled up before the Election of this Coadjutor, so that if
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the desire of filling the Chapter proceed out of a feare that there will want a competent number of Chapter-men to make this Election, considering the late Addition of Canons to the Chapter with power of voting in all affaires of the Clergy, there will be no want of almost as full a number as ever were of the Chapter since it was first erected.

For you see there never were above two or three and twenty at most of the Chapter, and albeit most of them that were Vicars and Archdeacons be dead; neverthelesse those that are living together with the Canons lately added thereunto, amount to the number of twentie, as I wrote you word last weeke; onely I forgot then to tell you, that one of the six whom I reckoned upon to be in *Paris*, viz. Master *Laborne*, is neither of the Chapter in vertue of Vicar, Archdeacon, or Canon, that I can find upon any Record, but this I impute to an Accident of his being out of the way at *Tame* when the Canons were made, and so I reckon upon him as if he were a Chapter-man, the rather because he was, and is still one of his Lordships Consult, which may perhaps, *ipso facto*, give him that quality, in regard the whole Chapter hath the nature of his Lordships Counsell.

The whole Chapter in the nature of a Counsell to Doctor Rich. Smith titular Bishop of Chalcedon and Ordinarie of England and Scotland by Commission from the Pope.

But now to come unto the particulars, who are dead of the Chapter, and who now living thereof, that so you may see cleerely in the particulars what I tell you of our Chapter in generall, you may please to understand, that of the Vicars Generall who were at most in number but seven, there are five dead, viz. Master *Colleton*, Mr. *Bennet*, Mr. *Boswill*, Mr. *Broughton*, Mr. *Norton*, so that you must thinke of Constituting five Vicars, for however Master *Abusfoot* was made coadjutor to Master *Colleton*, yet he is now in a charge by the Popes command incompatible with that office of Vicar Generall in Master *Broughtons* place, whose residence he possesseth, yet I doe not conceive that hee was ever made Vicar Generall by Patent.

Now for the Vicars actually living, you will easily see they are but two, viz. Master *Jackson*, and Master *Trollop*, who had need of a Coadjutor, being himself grown unable to travell as you all know.

As for the Archdeacons, there are dead five in the five Vicars, and of such as were purely Archdeacons and no more, there are dead

dead besides Master *Muscot* (whose place is vacant though he bee living) ten, *viz.* Master *Pitts*, Doctor *Wright* and his successor *Brabant*, Master *Strickland*, Master *Heines* and his successor Doctor *Lovell*, Master *Hanmer* and his successor Mr. *Guin*, as also the intended successor to him, Master *Robert Hughes* lately, Doctor *Britton*, Master *More*, Master *Martine*, Mr. *Tuchenon* and his successor Mr. *Aston*, and Mr. *Worthington*.

I doe not accompt Mr. *Shellyes*, nor Mr. *Merricks* places vacant, by reason Mr. *Lane* and Mr. *Hide* (surviving both) doe supply them, but whether by Patents created Archdeacons or not I cannot say, or whether by Deputation only they execute the same, which in effect I account is all one.

So that here are undoubtedly to be *de novo*, created ten Archdeacons to fill up the places vacant by death, and more to supply Mr. *Muscots* place yet living as abovesaid.

Now for the living Archdeacons they are in number two, in the two Vicars above, and foure that are purely Archdeacons by Patents undoubted, *viz.* Master *Redman*, Master *Buston*, Mr. *Hughes*, and Master *Manger*, whereunto if you adde the suppliants (at least) living, Master *Hide* and Master *Lane*, then are there six Archdeacons living.

As for Canons there were Created (as I remember) nine at the first, and they are all living still, *viz.* Master *Blaelo*, Master *Harvington*, Master *Holden*, Mr. *Fiston*, Master *Clifford*, Master *Morgan*, Master *Curtis*, Master *Gage*, and Mr. *Herbert*; for I have now no convenience to come at such Records as doe shew this, perhaps your memory will tell you this better then mine, or else then Master *Hide* was made Canon, and not Master _____ of which you shall know the certaintie ere long; but however thus you see what with two Vicars living, six Archdeacons, and nine Canons, and the Deane, there are eighteen persons of the Chapter now living; or take the Deane and at least five Archdeacons, and nine pure Canons, supposing Master *Hide* to be no Archdeacon, they will in all amount to the number of seventeen persons, whereunto adding the three Suppliants for Archdeacons, who have as yet never had Patents, *viz.* Master *Barlo* in Warwickshire, and Master *Stevens* in Hertford, and Master *Thomas Greene* in Suffolke, by the

old Division Norff. by new; you see we may accompt upon just nineteene or twenty Chapter-men now actually living, whereas at first Erection of the Chapter there were never more (as you see) then twenty two or twenty three at most : And thus you have the exact account of the Chapter as now it stands, wherewith if you rest not satisfied, but desire either to make more Canons (as my Lord seemes to doe) or to fill up the number of those that are dead, Wee can suggest unto you for the present only these that follow for that purpose, because we cannot have an exact accompt from all the Shires what men are now residing therein, much lesse can we make any probable conjecture how to fix any one man in any one County of *England*, as times now stand, to officiate therein, and so we should not at this time have thought of filling up the vacant places, yet because you there have that cogitation, and desire to know whom we here in towne thinke fitting for that purpose, wee have reflected on these under-written.

For Vicars Generall.

Master *Blacio*, Mr. *Holden*, Mr. *Harrington*, Mr. *Fiton*, Mr. *Herbert*, Mr. *Hide*, Mr. *Drury*, Mr. *Clifford*, Mr. *Laborne*, Mr. *Barquer*.

For Archdeacons.

Master *John Berrington*, Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Barlo*, Mr. *Edward Hughes*, Mr. *Green*, Mr. *Coffin*, Mr. *Sands*, Mr. *Laurence*, Mr. *Bruerton*, Doctor *Blondston*, Mr. *Faulconer*, Mr. *Ireland*, Mr. *Jennings*, Mr. *Curtes*, Mr. *Cattericke*, Mr. *Clampit*, Mr. *Woodward*, Master *Cheake*.

For Canons.

Master *Carleton*, Mr. *Everard*, Mr. *More*, Mr. *Knightley*, Master *Warham*, Mr. *Polethecle*, Mr. *Carre*, Mr. *Todhill*, Mr. *Bradshawe*, *Lassels*, Mr. *Warnford*, Mr. *Hall*, Mr. *Worhington*, Mr. *Marten*, Mr. *Luslo*, Mr. *Turberville*, Mr. *Ellice*, Mr. *Weekes*, Mr. *Harrison*, Mr. *Page*, Mr. *Skinner*, Mr. *Salc*, Mr. *Totty*, Mr. *Tustall*.

Above all things you must recommend secrecie if you resolve upon Master *Herbert*, that his Lady come not to the notice of his being chosen into any Office that will require resort to him, or his going abroad.

Master

Master *Carre* however not in *England*, is a man so considerable, that above all others not already of the Chapter, it were fit he were made one thereof, and however I put him amongst Canons only, yet if his continuall absence admit of higher place, surely his merits will claime it.

CONSIDERATIONS.

Considerations about filling up the Chapter.

The maine to appoint such Officers in such Divisions, as probably shall reside therein, or at least conveniently may once a yeare repaire thereto to comply with their Officers.

Then persisting in the last Division, which you will find taken out of Master *Records*.

1.

The first Vicar is Master *Hammon* in *Cornwall*.

Note that he is also Archdeacon of the Shires, *Hunt.* and *Wiltshire*; now to keep the forme of this last Division, you must either adde *Gloucester* shire to his Archdeaconate, or else incurre a greater confusion in altering the whole frame of this Division.

And here I may not omit to let you know, that master *Ham.* hath often desired to resigne up his Archdeaconate in the two Shires above said, for what cause I know not; but admit hee may

be intreated to keepe them, and to accept of *Gloucester* shire thereunto;

Yet you must cast for two Archdeacons more, *viz.* of *Somerset*, *Dorset*. *Cornwall* and *Devon*.

For however master *Manger* is living Archdeacon of *Somerset* and *Dorset* shire: yet now a bedrid man in *Wales*, hee had need of a Coadjutor at least. The men living in, or at least acquainted, & frequenting those parts are,

Master *Victor*, Mr. *Martine*, Mr. *Woodward*, the two Brothers *Warhams*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Hames*, Mr. *Browne*, Mr. *Newman*.

2.

The said Vicar according to this last Division, of *London*, *Etca^r*; will be the man of most consideration in this affaire, as being (being neere to the Dean) hee through whose hands the greatest part of the Clergies affaires will run. both for receiving the Priests new commers, and

and dealing *With Persons of greatest ranke about the Towne.* This was Mr. *Labetans* charge, and since Mr. *Muscots*, and is now (by his absence, and being in a charge incompatible therewith) vacant.

If you thinke of fixing in this place any of the Chapter-men now about the Towne, you will finde few to afford you choyce, for Mr. *Herbert* is already suppliant to the sixth Vicariate, and happily may bee changed into the fifth, as being the onely *Briston* that we can thinke of except Master *Humphrey Hughes*, to be Vicar Generall of *Wales* *Eccl^a*, Mr. *Hamman* you see is already fixed, Mr. *Webster* is Deane, here onely remaine of Chapter-men Mr. *Curles*, and Mr. *Hoard*, now about the Towne, so that you must in this point goe I believe by ghesse who is likely of all those learned and grave Chaptermen now at *Paris* or *Doway* to fixe in Towne when times come favourable, and those men you know are Master *Blacklo*, Mr. *Harrington*, Mr. *Barquer*, Mr. *Holden*, Mr. *Filton*, Mr. *Hide*, Mr. *Clifford*, Mr. *Laborne*, Master *Drury*.

Now admit you fixe upon one of these abroad, for the Vicar Generall about *London*;

You are then to finde him three Archdeacons more, for by this last division there are foure Archdeacons belonging to this Vicurate, so that making the Vicar one of these foure Archdeacons, as is supposed you will, there remaine three Archdeacons to be chosen under him.

With whom they shall be most serviceable for the comon good, as being most upon the eye of the world, and stay of our comon-affaires, you must resolve.

The Priests about the towne are now so few, that they scarce make a number, especially those that are Chapter-men, and not already deputed otherwaies, *viz.* Master *Curles*, Mr. *Howard*.

The Priests abroad you know. The Priests (not Chaptermen) in towne to bee thought on for this charge, are few or none, onely Mr. *Worshington*, though hee was one moved to bee made of the Chapter, and it was refused, because hee was as servant to *Doway*; being Procurator, and so not to governe.

Note, that of the three Archdeacons, Master *Lane* must bee one, for he hath a long time supplied Mr. *Theliss* place as Archdeacon of *Suffex*, and so to keep Order of this second Division, must have added unto his district

strict *Kent* also; so his Patent must run Archdeacon of *Suffex* and *Kent*.

3.

The third Vicar of *Bedford, Huntingdon*, Elect, is in vertue already, and in repute, *M. Herbert*, and consequently Archdeacon of two Counties therunto belonging.

So then you must provide for him two Archdeacons more out of these Priests following (you will take such as live in those parts) they are Master *Thomas Greene*, *Mr. Weekes*, *Mr. Everard*, *Mr. Carleton*, *Mr. Henry Blacklo*.

In *Norfolke* and *Suffolke*.

In *Cambridge* elect, *Elie*, *Hob*, *Marchland*, or thereabouts, none at all.

4.

The fourth Vicar of *Oxford, Buckingham*, Elect, which was Doctor *Bosvile*, and now must be supplied by whom you think good, either of those named in an other paper for Vicars, or of some of these following Priests living in that Division, and hath under him foure Archdeacons, but himselfe being to be one of the foure, you must cast for three more, and if you take the Priests living in those Counties, they are these that follow.

Master *Buston* Archdeacon al-

ready of *Stafford* and *Cheshire*, but so old, that he had need of a Coadjutor, with power to succeed him.

Master *Barlo*, *Mr. Bruerton*, *Mr. Venables*, *Mr. Lawrence*, *Master Sueslo*, *Mr. Turberwill*, *Master Jennings*, designed one for a Reader, a very able man, but young; Master *Humphrey Hartlo*, *Mr. William Ellis*.

These are in *Worcester*, *Warwick*, *Stafford*, *Cheshire*: in *Northton* & *Leicester* shire are *Mr. Faulconer*, *Mr. Cheeke*, *Mr. Edward Hughes*.

Oxford and *Bucks* are the Counties perhaps most fit for these Vicars district as hee is Archdeacon.

5.

The fift Vicar, who is he of *Wells* Elect, hath under him three onely Archdeacons, whereof himselfe standing for one, you are to thinke onely of two Archdeacons more for that Division.

For the Vicar himselfe there occurs none fitter then either, *Mr. Herbert*, (if he be not departed Vicar in *Huntington* Elect) or *Mr. Humphrey Hughes* now Archdeacon of *North-Wales*.

For two Archdeacons under him, besides, if you choose them out of Priests in those parts, they are these following.

Master *Stevens* living in *Hertford*.

ford, Mr. Vaughan, Mr. Stephen Puc, Mr. Permans, Mr. Williams, Mr. John Barrington, Master John Powell, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Thomas Street, Mr. John Holland Remble, Master Barnes Lay, Mr. William Puc, Mr. Francis Greene, chiefe man, Master Elliots, Mr. Morris, Mr. Prises, two of them.

Master Stevens and Mr. Barrington held the two fittest.

6.

The sixth Vicar, who is of *Torke, Darby, Nottingham, Lincoln, and Rutland*, and whose place is vacant, hath under him only two Archdeacons, whereof himselfe being one, you are to thinke of one more onely for that Division.

The men fit to be thought on for this Vicariate, if you take the Priests living in those parts are, Master Falconer, Mr. Coffine.

The Archdeacon may bee one of those names in the foure Vicars district, Mr. French, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Fothering, Mr. Edward Hughes, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Worthington.

7.

The seventh Vicar who is hee

of *Lancashire, Northumberland, &c.* Master Trollop still living, but so old, as he had need of a Coadjutor with power to succeed him, which whether it may not be Mr. Holden considering who is of those parts, or Master Lab. who is likewise of the same you may there advise.

This Vicar hath under him three Archdeacons, himselfe being one; you are to appoint one more onely, Mr. Redman being Archdeacon in *Lancashire* already.

The Priests in the Countrey most considerable, for Vicars or Archdeacons, are these that follow.

In *Northumberland* and the *Tork-shire* district.

Mr. Cattricke, Mr. Walker, Doctor Blunderston, Master Wivell, Mr. Neatby, Mr. John Lassells, Master H. Greene, Mr. Williams Constable, Mr. Hodgeson, Master Strickland; one his name Prebend of *Torke* Minster.

In *Lancashire*, there is already Archdeacons, Master Redman; too besides him are, Master Sands principally, Mr. Totty, Mr. Sale, Mr. Thomas Worthington, Master Tunstall.

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Right Reverend my very good Lord,

I send you now according to my promise last week such Copies of Patents as you desired of Canons; and such other of Vicars and Archdeacons, and Rurall Deanes as you may have need of for compleating the Chapter with such light into that affaire as in these darke and confused times I could procure.

I must not omit to certifie your Lordship, that I have inserted Mr. *Peter Warnesfords* name amongst those who are suggested here to be made Canons, and I should humbly desire he may be made such for one maine reason above others, that I have a probable hope hereby to secure the Chapter of the holy Thorne after his decease: and that is a Jewell which I am sure your Lordship values at a high rate, as also doe all others that know thereof. A pretious Relique.

If the light I have given in the choice of such men as may compleat the Chapter be sufficient to satisfy your Lordship of the merits of the men suggested: Perhaps it may not be a misse to thinke of even in these uncertaine times, if for no other reason then to prevent mortality, and that the Chapter might have the fuller power in its compleatnesse in case your Lordship should dy; as we that are many yeares younger cannot say but wee may dye very suddenly, and truly but for this only reason perhaps it were better deferre the filling up the Chapter till wee better times expected; yet since I writ those inclosed Papers I have reflected that perhaps it may not bee amisse to compleat the Chapter with all speed that may be, for however we cannot suggest unto your Lordship all our men in every County, yet I am confident we have named those that are fittest for such places in each County, and such as are personally best known I beleive to your Lordship for the most part of them.

As I wrote last weeke that Mr. *Fittons* repaire to *England* would not be necessary though he be chosen Coadjutor to Mr. *Webster, cum jure missionis*, so I write againe now upon better grounds, for God be thanked Mr. *Webster* mends in his health: but admit he should fall back and dy, yet even in that case perhaps Mr. *Fitton* would most probably get our Chapter confirmed in his person of Deane, and this not onely through his being knowne

knowne and liked well of in Rome, but farther through his particular relation with Lord who perhaps would conduce much towards confirming our Chapter, and Mr. *Fittons* person and the Confirmation of our Chap: being the maine thing we ayme at, moves many to thinke, that we were better choose Mr. *Fitton* Coadjutor then a stronger man; because if in his person we get the Chapter confirmed, we can easily choose a Coadjutor to him in case he should not grow strong; And so by this means we effect our greatest affaire and desire. The rest is that I am, my Lord,

Your most humble seryant,
F:H:

Mr. *Herbert* upon sight of these last Letters from being moved by Mr. *Webster* to accept of the place makes answer, that if Mr. *Fitton* cannot supply the place, rather then give offence unto his Brethren, he is content to conformance to the Votes of his Brethren.

A Letter from the Earl of *Warwick*,
and some Members of the house of
COMMONS:

To the *Honorable*, William Lenthall Esquire;
Speaker of the said House.

S I R,

WE have thought fit to acquaint you with some Informations that we have lately received, concerning the affairs of *Ireland*, such as we suppose you will think fit to be imparted to the House. The Inhabitants of the *Lath* of *Saint Augustine* in the county of *Kent*, out of their charitable commiseration of the miseries of the Protestants in *Ireland*, (being inabled thereunto by an Ordinance of Parliament) did in a very large manner contribute and gather Five hundred quartets of Wheat, and other Grain; and accordingly sent it over to *Cork*, imbarqued in a Vessell called the *Prosperous* of *Sandwich*, whereof one *Thomas Basset* was Master; who accordingly carried the same unto *Cork*, and delivered it unto the hands of the Lord *Inchequine*, according to an Order of the Committee for Irish affairs; Now the said Vessell being returned, the Master thereof makes this report, which we with all care and diligence have sent up.

1. First, That the Lord *Inchequine* was so far from distributing the said Grain, according to the intention of the Parliament, and the Donets; (who did intend it as a free Gift, for the relief of the poor Protestants in *Ireland*) that he did seize it, and sell it at a very dear rate, to any that would buy it, detaining it from those to whom it was given.

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2. That he did not onely deprive them of the intended Charity, but also opprest them, with Billetting of two Regiments of Souldiers, that are since sent over, (whereof the said Mr. *Basset* was an eye-witnesse) under the command of Sir *Charles Pavaſour*, and Sir *John Pawlet*, to the Port of *Bristol*, to serve here against the Parliament.

3. That the Lord *Inchequine* did presse the said Master, *Thomas Basset*, to carry over more Souldiers to the Port of *Bristol*, which *Basset* did colourably undertake, and attended severall dayes to receive the Souldiers aboard of him, till such time as he met with a convenient opportunity to make his escape, which he desired, and now at last obtained.

4. The said *Thomas Basset* doth report upon very good grounds, That there are further intentions of raising great Forces of the Irish Rebels, to come over to serve against the Parliament, and that for present there are ready two Regiments, under the command of Sir *Hardy Walter*, and four Regiments of the Lord *Inchequinos*, and six Troops of Horse under the command of the Earl of *Cork*, all which are to be lifted under the Duke of *York*, to maintain this unnatural War against the Parliament and Kingdom.

Now that it may appear that this Information of *Thomas Basset* is not conjecturall, he is ready to testifie all this upon Oath, And for present we have here sent up divers Instruments tending to this effect, subscribed by the Lord *Inchequine*, and delivered to the said *Thomas Basset*.

By all this you may perceive what a Designe there is to bring over both Horse and Foot of the Irish, to war here against th Parliament; which might in some
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fort have been prevented, if the winter guard had been timely set forth, which we desire you with all possible speed to hasten the winter guard, as hoping it may be a means to prevent, and intercept a great many of the Irish Rebels, which daily are in readinesse to come over. And so, with our best respects remembered unto you, praying God to give a blessing to all your proceedings; We bid you heartily farewell, and rest

Your assured loving Friend,

Downs, the 7th.
Novemb. 1643.

Warwick.

William Strickland, Henry Mildmay, Edw. Boys.

By the Lord of Inchiquine, Commander
of His Majesties Forces in chief for
the Province of Mounster.

Whereas Thomas Basset, Master of the
Providence of Sandwich, Bur. 100 Tuns;
arrived here in this Port of Cork, with his said
Vessell from Sandwich, loaden with Corn and
other provisions for the use of His Majesties
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army; for which he hath here accordingly duly performed in that particular. And further, I do hereby certifie to whom it may or shall concern, That I have pressed the said Vessell, Master, Company, and all other provisions to her belonging, for His Majesties service, the Ninth day of this present October: And is by me commanded, from the said day to give his attendance untill further order: For which, he the said Master may not fail at his perill.

Given under my hand at Cork, the Ninth day of October, *ut supra*, Anno Dom. 1643.

Jnchiquine.

By the Right Honorable, the Lord of
Jnchiquine, Commander in chief of his Ma-
jesties Forces within the Province
of Mounster.

WHEREAS *Thomas Basset*; Master of the good Ship called *The Prosperous of Sandwich*, Burthen 100 Tuns or thereabouts, Company and said Ship, Is imploied by me from this Port of *Cork*, To carry and transport
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Souldiers for the Port of *Bristol*: And in respect I finde him obedient, and ready to perform the said service, I do hereby very earnestly desire the Admirals of His Majesties Fleet, and all others imployed in His service, or any other person or persons whatsoever whom it may any way concern, Not any wayes to hinder or molest him the said Master, Ship, or Company, or any of them in their departure from the said Port of *Bristol*, or in their intended Voyage into *Wales*, there to lade the said Ship with Coals, to be transported from thence to this Harbour, for the relief of this distressed Garrison of *Cork*; To which purpose I have ingaged my self to the said Master, and therefore am confident, That my desire herein shall be complied withall.

Dated under my Hand at the said city of *Cork*, this Eighteenth day of October, Anno Dom. 1643.

Jacob Quine.
To the Right Honourable, my very good Lord, the Lord Hopton, Governour of the City of *Bristol*.

MY LORD,

I Have imployed this Bearer, Mr. *Basset*, Master of a Ship, called *The Prosperous of Sandwich*, for the transporting,

porting, and carrying over hence in his ship, to the Port of Bristoll, souldiers for His Majesties service; and have, *According to His Majesties Letters, enabling and authorizing mee,* agreed with the said Master, that he shall be paid fourty pounds ster. for the freight of his ship upon her arrivall there; which I conceive to be reasonable: And therefore do desire, not only for the present service, but also for the future encouragement of others of his quality: That the said money, according to my said agreement with him, be forthwith upon his arrivall in that Port punctually paid: Thus not doubting of the speedy performance hereof, I take leave and remaine

Cerke 18, Octob: 1643.

Your Lordships affectionated
friend, and servant,

Inchiquine.

If it be not proper for your Lordship to order this payment, I beseech you recommend the Master, to whom your Lordship thinks fit for his satisfaction.

A Letter from the Governor of Plymouth,
To Mr. Speaker of the Honourable House of
SIR, COMMONS, These present in London.

I Have sent you true Intelligence from Falmouth, one
John German comming from Perrin doth report,
that two ships are come to the Port of Falmouth,
From the Rebels in Ireland, with men,
and

and ammunition, shewing the Kings Broad-seale for their safety; And the Castle gave two Peeces of Ordnance, with great joy at their arrivall, with menacing speeches against the Parliament, and swore the Round-heads should pay for all: Whereupon some Captains of the ships, being men of war there, and divers of the Inhabitants petitioned *John Arundel* Esquire, Governour of *Pendennis Castle*, asking of him, if he would admit entrance to the Rebels; and told him, if he did, many of them would forsake that cause, for good could not possibly come of it; hee answered them, that he would send to know His Majesties pleasure in that particular; the Rebels that came from Ireland and Falmouth, report, that they look every day for eleven ships from Ireland, with men and ammunition, and call themselves the *Queens Army*; two ships were also going to relieve the poore Protestants in Ireland, and both stopt at Falmouth, the one laden with wheat, the other with malt: Likewise there is one *John Burlasse* Esquire, a known Papist, hath command of a foot Regiment, and goveras the West of the County of Cornwall. Moreover, the said *German* reporteth, that to the foresaid Port of Falmouth, is come four French ships, landed some Officers and men, being laden with ammunition, and it is thought, that the Officers are gone to the Kings Army; for they presently tooke post from Falmouth, and the said French Officers report, that they expect ten thousand men to be speedily sent over out of France to them.

Your most humble servant to command,

Plymouth, Novem. 1. 1643.

James Wardlaw.

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