

our hearinge, " Ah! good Mr. Cicill took muche paines here."

When she had red the Letter, we begane to opene the matter of our Instrukcioncs unto her, and as I the Lord Chauncelore begane, she prayd me to be shorte, for (said she) I am not well at ease, and I will make you a shorte Answere, notwithstandinge that I have already declared and written my mynue to his Matie plainlye with myne owne hande.

After this we told her at good length how the kinges matie, having used all the gentle meanes and exortacones that he might to have reduced her to the Rights of Religion and order of divine service sett forth by the Lawes of the Realme, and tyndinge her nothinge conformable, but styll remaininge in her former error, had resolved by the whole estate of his Mats. Privie Counsell, and withthe consent of diverses otheres of the Nobilitie, that she should no longer use the private Masse, nor any other devine service then is sett forth by the Lawes of the Realme, and here weo offered to shewe her the names of all those wch were present at this consultacon and resolutyon; but she sayd she cared not for any rehearsall of their names, for (said she) I knowe you be all of one sorte therein,

We told her further that the kinges maties pleasure was we should also give strait charge to her Chaplenes, that none of them should presume to saye any masse, or other devine service than is sett forth by the lawes of the realme, and like charge to all her servantes that none of them should presume to heare any masse, or other devine service then is aforesaid. Here unto her answer was thus. Firste she protested that to the kinges matie, she was, is, and ever wilbe his mats. most humble and moste obediente subjecte and poore sister, and would moste willingly obaye all his comaundements in any thing, (her conscyence saved) yea and would willingly and gladlye suffer death to doe his matie good, but rather then she will agree to use any other service than was used at the death of the late kyngo her father, she would have her heade one a blocke and suffer death. But (said she) I am unworthy to suffer death in so good a quarroll. When the Kinges Matie (said she) shall come to such yeares that he may be able to judge thes thinges himselve, his matie shall fynd me readye to obaye his orderes in religion, but nowe in these ycares, although he good sweete kinge have more knowledge then any other of his yeares, yet is it not possyble that he canne be a Judge of these thynges, for yf shippes wore to be sente to the seas, or any other thinge to be done touchinge the polecye and governemente of the realme, I am sure you would not thinke his highnes yet able to consider what were to be done, and muche lesse sayd she, can be in these yeares deccarne what is fitte in matters of devinetic. And yf my Chaplenes doe saye no masse I can here non, no more can my poore servantes. But as for my servantes I knowe it shalbe againste their willes as it shalbe againste myne, for yf they could come were they were sayd they would here it with good will, and

as for my preestes they knowe what they have to doe, the paine of yor lawes is but imprisonment for a shorte tyme, and if they will refuse to say masse for fear of that imprisonment they may doo therein as they will; but none of your newe service (sayd she) shalbe used in my house, and yf any be said in it, I will not turye in the house.

And after this we declared unto her Grace, accordinge to our Instrukcioncs, for what causes the Lordes of the kinges maties counsell had appointed Rochester, Inglefeild, and Walgrave, being her servants, to open the premisses unto her, and howe ill and untruly they had used themselves in the charge committed unto them, and, besides that, how they had manifestly disobeyed the kinges mats. counsell, &c. To this she sayd it was not the wiseste counsell to appointe her servantes to comptrole her in her owne howse, and that her servantes knowe her mynde therein well enough, for of all men she might worste endure any of them to move her in any such matters, and for their punishmente, my lords may use them as they thinke good, and yf they refused to do the Missuage unto her and her chaplenes and servantes as aforesayd, they be (said she) the honestest men, for they should have spoke againste their owne conscyences.

After this when we had at good length declared unto her the effecte of our Instrukcioncs touchinge the promise which she claymed to have bene made to the Emperore, and besides had opened unto her at good length all such things as we knewe and heard therein, her Answar was that she was well assured the promise was made to the Emperore, and that the same was once granted before the kinges maties in her presence, then being there seven of the counsell, notwithstandinge the denyall therof at my laste beinge with the his Matie; and I have (quoth she) the Emperores hand testefieing that this promise was made, which I beleve better than you all of the counsell. And though you esteeme little the Emperore, yet should you shewe more favore to me for my fatheres sake, who made the more parte of you, almoste of nothinge. But as for the Emperore (said she) yf he were dead I would saye as I do. And yf he would give me nowe other advise I would not followe it, notwithstanding (quoth she) to be plaine with you, his Ambassadeur shall knowe howe I am used at yor hands.

After this we opened the kinges mats. pleasure for one to attend upon her grace for the supplie of Rochesters place, during his absence, &c. as in the Instrukcioncs. To this her answer was that she would appointe her owne offyceres, and that she had yeares suttiente for that purpose, and yf we left any such man there she would goe out of her gates, for they two would not dwell in one house. And (quoth she) I am sickelye, and yet I will not die willingly, but will doe the beste I can to preserve my life: but yf I shall chaunce to die; I will protestopenly that you of the counsell be the causes of my death: you give me fair wordes but your deedes be alwayes ill towards me. And havinge said thus she departed from us into her bedchamber, and delivered to me the Lord Chauncelora Ringe, upon her knees, most humbly, with

very humble recommendacones, saienge that she would die his true subjecte and sister, and obaye his comaundements in all things excepte in thes matters of Religcon, towchinge the masse and the newe service. But yet (said shee) this shall never be towld to the kinges matie: &c.

After her departure we called the chaplenes and the reste of her howshold before us, givinge them strait comaundements, upon paine of their allegiance, that neither the preestes should from henceforth say any masse, or other devine service than that which is sett forth by the lawes of the Realme, nor that they the residue of the servants should presume to heare any.

The Chaplaynes, after some take, promised all to obaye the kinges comaundment signefied by us.

We gave lyke comaundement to them and every of them upon their allegiaunce, to give notyce to some one of the counsell, at the least, yf any masse or other devine service then that which is set forth by the lawes of this realme, should be hereafter said in that house.

Finally when we had said and done as is aforesaid, and were gone out of the house, tarryenge there for one of her chaplenes, who was not with the reste when we gave the charge aforesaid unto them, the lady Maryes Grace sente to us to speak with her one worde at a winlowe; when we were com into the courto, notwithstanding that we offered to come upp to her chamber, she would needes speake out of the window, and prayed us to speake to the Lords of the Counsell that her comptrole might shortlye returne. For (said shee) sithence his departyng, I take the accomptes myselfe of my expences, and learned howe many loves of bread be made of a bushel of wheate; and I wis my father and my mother never broughte mea upp with bawkinge and brewinge: And to be plaine with you, I am wearye of myne offyce, and therefore yf my Lordes will sende myne offycere home, they shall doe me pleasure, otherwise yf they will send him to prison, I beshrowe him yf he goe not to it, merely and with a good will and I praye God to send you to doe well in your soules and bodies too, for some of yon have but weake bodies.

[A letter] to the Warden of the Flette to conveye through the Bridge to the towere the said Rochester, Inglefeild, and Walgrave, to be had thether severally.

To the Lievetennante of the Tower to receive the said Rochester; Inglefeild; and Walgrave, so as they have conference with no man; and that every of them have a man to attend upon him, and not to confer with anye person, but to remayne with their Mr. for seinge that none of them have penpenk, and paper.

ORIGINAL.

ON EXCESSIVE AFFLICTION.

Una salus victis nullam sperare salutem. Virg. Æn.
THERE is a truth in this saying applicable to other misfortunes than those of defeat; I mean to overcome overwhelming calamities, and grievous disappointments of any kind. When the object, for ins-