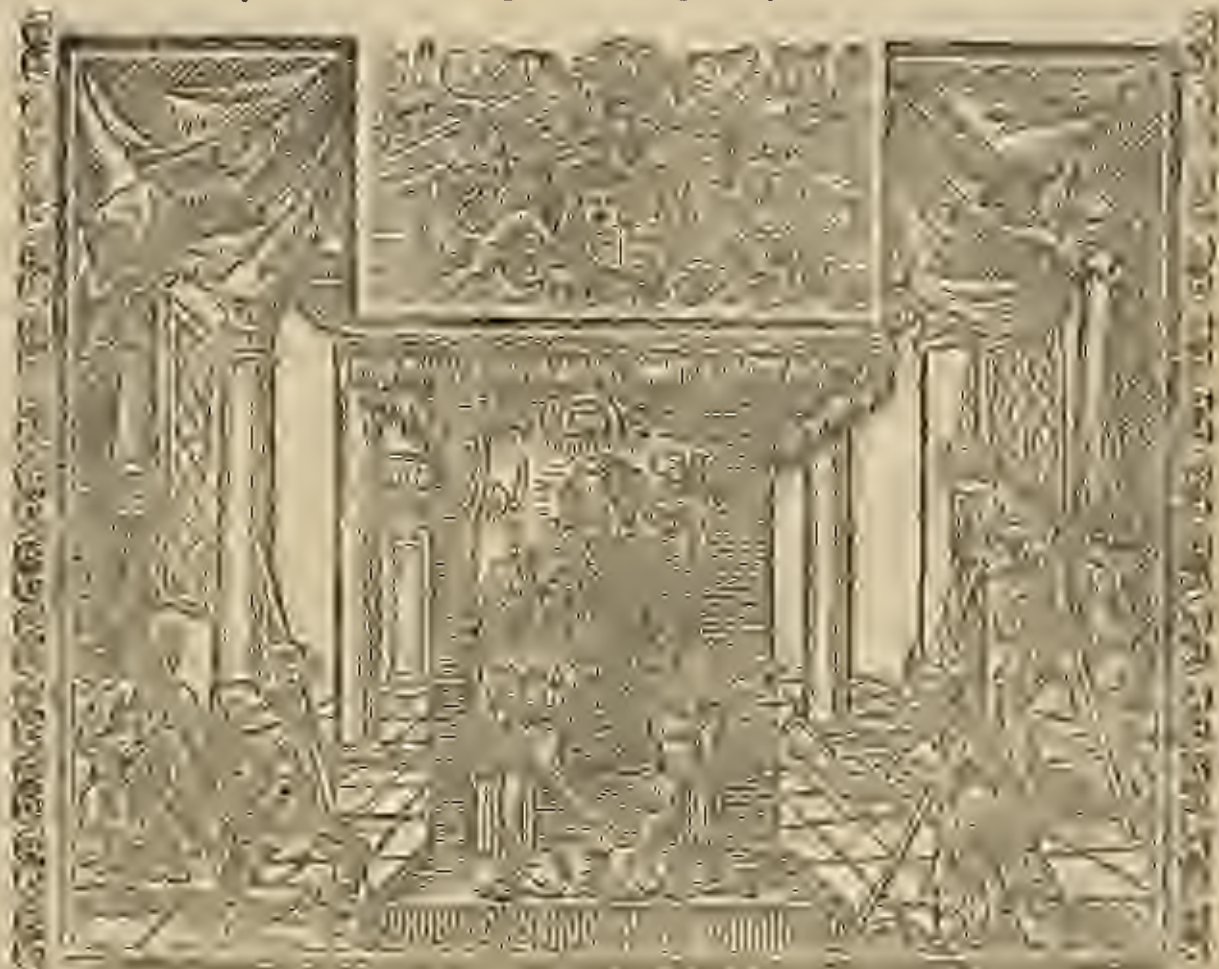


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## Against P-O-P-E-R-Y:

Wherein they lamentably complain to King *Henry* the VIII. of the CLERGY:



1. Of their abominable Covetousness and Oppression, in several Particulars, from § 3. to § 13. 2. Of their Insatiable Letchery, being Devils at women: and how they apply themselves by all Sights they may, to have to do with every Mans wife, Daughter, and Maid, (as well Ladies as meaner Persons, when they come in their way) from § 13 to 17. 3. They brought in Theft with them, and nourished it under them; § 17. 4. That they baffled all Laws, that none could take hold of them, tho they ravished men's Wives and Daughters, (which that curst Crew would be at again, tho not in that seeming holy Method, but now in an open, odious debauched Way, like infernal Incubusses, who now have naturalized Succubus's for their turn, &c.) For the Law was too weak to hold them; they making such as begin with them quickly to cease prosecuting them, § 18. 5. An Example hereof, see in the Bp. of *London*. § 19. 6. Tho the Statute of *Mortmain* was made to prevent giving them any more, yet still they got more than any Duke; § 20, & 21. 7. Their yearly Exactions came by cursed pretensions of praying peoples Souls out of Purgatory, &c. § 22. 8. This Doctrine of Purgatory was alwaies opposed by godly learned men, § 23, & 24. 9. Their Hellish Policy in not suffering the New Testament to be translated in the Mother tongue, lest their Hypocrisy and Cheating should be discovered § 25, 26. 10. The Impudence of Dr. *Allen* and Dr. *Horsley*, fined to the King, but afterwards therefore amply rewarded by the Clergy, § 27. 11. The Reason of this was because the Chancellor was one of them, viz. a Clergy man, § 28. 12. The Cheat of giving Lands or Money to the Church for the Poor or Masses, § 30. 13. They Petition to turn these Blood-suckers out to labor, and get them wives of their own, § 31. 14. The Benefits and Advantages of so doing, &c. § 31, 32. *These Arguments and the like, prevailed with this King to cast off the Popes Authority, and why any should be so foolishly wicked, as to think to return us to it, I know not, most certainly they will find themselves deceived with a vengeance, &c.*

Presented to King *Henry VIII.* in the 29 Year of his Reign, *An. Dom.* 1538. 8 years before his Death. And Now Printed verbatim from a very old Copy, only mending the Authography, for the ease of the Reader, making the several Sections, and Collecting the foregoing Contents. Worth perusing by both Papist and Protestant, for the one to see how his Forefathers and he have been and are gull'd; and the other to see how he is like to be eternally abused, if he either through Fear of Death, or otherways embrace Popery, 1680.

