

canæ cognitio a sua S^{te} commissa est, die prædicto retulerunt Sum D. N. die vñdecimo eiusdem mensis atque anni his de rebus consultum respondisse :

De primo quidem standum esse ijs quæ in Brevis Ap'lico ad 17 Aug. anno 1601 edito his de rebus ordinata atque declarata sunt, nominatim vero vt habeatur ea tota controversia pro extincta atque obolita, silentio etiam imposito, idque sub Censuris in eodem Brevis expressis. De 2^o vero, Confessiones catholicorum ipsis factas non esse iterandas si nullum aliud intervenerit impedimentum.

Hoc Scriptum ostensum est ipsis Ill^{mis} Card^{bis} supra-nominatis et ab ipsis penitus approbatum.

Die vero 15 eiusdem mensis et anni, consultus iterum S^{mus} prædictis Ill^{mis} Card^{bis} de eiusdem rebus respondit se nolle de illis amplius verba fieri sed voluntatem suam esse vt de præfatis controuersijs schismatis, rebellionis atque inobedientiæ, quæ ante primum Brevis Ap'licum die 6 Apr: anno 1599 editum excitatæ sunt, omnimodum imponatur silentium ac post^{ri} suo Brevis 17 Aug 1601 edito stetur ; idque sub prædictis censuris ne vltius de his altercandi detur occasio. De ceteris vero quæ postea acciderunt respondit sua S^{tas} se deinceps rebus perpensis quæ magis ad æquitatem pacemque facient ordinaturum.

16 July 1602.

Good Sr, these same are to certify you that I have receaved yours, and sent the note, as I did once before to theire place. ours there loking . . . are differd to the Congregation of the Inquisition not for our harme, but for the ruine of Parsons subordination as Clem: tearmeth it. Yo^r books are without doubt (as we heare from all coastes) disgous . . . most blame the sharpnes of the stile, some certayne assertions perillous w^{ch} are in some of them, it may bee they bee none of yours, w^{ch} I advise you to

certify to Rome in tyme, lest y^{or} honour be somewhat darkened by them. for some of them (as it is written from there) are like to be condemned to the fire. yf it please you to write to me or by mee, I will doe what I can for the performing of y^{or} . . . you shall God willinge see our Answer vnto the Apology in printe.* Then you may the better printe yours, so that there bee noe dissonance. I pray you kepe mee in the good grace of your most honorable friends & your owne. & so with my most hartly comends to you I committ you to God. the xvj of July at Par.

Yo^{rs} in our Lord

Will^m Byshop

I pray you send that to M^{rs} Percy to the addresse.

Endorsement (same hand):

To his very singular friend M^r Watson at my L. of
 Londons London

10. *Letter from Dr. Humphry Ely, probably to Sir Robert Cecil.*

Aug. 30, 1602.

Right honorable.

54, f. 218.

The constant report that all trauelllers giue out of yo^r affable and courtuous nature, in easelie and willingly admitting all suters to yo^r presence and myld hearing of their requeste haue embouldened me; but especially the desire I haue of the safeguard of her Ma^{tie} my princes person & estat, and good of my contrey (whereunto yo^r hono^r, aboue the rest, hath a vigilant ey and earnest care) haue encoraged and invited me to trouble yo^r hono^r wth these fewe lynes, and to aduertize yo^u of an accident that hath happened of late in this contrey of Lorraine, the brief narracion whereof yo^r hono^r shall receiue herein enclosed. By the w^{ch} her Ma^{tie}, yo^r hono^r and the rest of her Ma^{ties} honorable counsayll may perceiue, not onely that the secular priests and Catholick Gentlemen

* Perhaps Dr. Ely's book, printed at Paris. It contains separate "Answers" by, or on behalf of, Bishop himself, Bagshaw and Charles Paget.