

An. 1528.

His opinion
of K. Hen-
ry's Matri-
monial-
Cause.

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that they ought to neglect the common
Process of the Courts and leave the Matter
to be discuss'd by the Divines, whose Sen-
tence might be soon known and brought
so to pass, that the Kings Conscience
might be pacified. His Opinion
was so much liked of by them, that
they thought it worth their acquainting
the King with it, which they did with-
in two Days after at Greenwich and so
this Matrimonial-Cause gave the first
Step to Dr. Cranmer's Preferment. For
the King commanded he should be sent
for to the Court, which was done and
he brought into the Kings Presence.
Who, having heard him discourse upon
the Matter and observing his Gravity,
Modesty and Learning, resolved to che-
rish and make much of him and com-
manded him to digest in Writing, what
he could say upon the afore said Argu-
ment, committing him unto the Family
and Care of the Earl of Wiltshire and
Ormond, named Sir Thomas Bolen,
dwelling then at Durham-House, este-
ming him a fit Person for Cranmer, to
reside with, who had himself been em-
ployed in Embassies to Rome and Ger-
many about the same Matter, and so able,
to instruct our Divine in particular Passa-
ges relating thereunto. When Cran-
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