

A Provin-
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Prior of the black Friars in Canterbury came up in the same place, where the Abp. preached, levelling his Discourse against the three Things that the Archbishop had spoke upon. The Business came to the King's Ear, who seemed to require the Abp. to censure him in his own Court. But the Abp. intreated his Majesty that he, himself, might not have the judging of him, lest he might seem partial, but that he would commit the hearing unto the Lord Privy-Seal, who was Cromwel. The Abp. had begun last Year viz. 1534, his first Provincial Visitation. It was Somewhat extroardinary, for such a Visitation had not been in an hundred Years before. For this he got the Kings Licence, to countenance his doings, the main End whereof was, to promote the King's Supremacy, and as Opportunity served, to correct the Superstitions of his Church, and to inspect even Bishops and Cathedrals themselves. In April 1535. Cranmer had sent his Monition to Steph. Gardiner Bp. of Winchester that he would visit his Diocess, who, with Dr. Stokesly Bp. of London a Man of an inveterate Temper against Cranmer, refused it tho' in vain. This Stokesly ever carried himself perversely to the Abp. It was
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