Early 1530: Cromwell enters royal service (LP 4:6203-4)
-Opening of Parliament delayed several times; finally delayed till Jan
 1531 (LP 4:1:396, C 1530)
-Cranmer suggests royal supremacy to Henry to get divorce (G 129)
-Royal agents visit English, French, Italian, & German universities and private scholars to get support for divorce (Sc 255)

Feb. 10: Wolsey gets general pardon and archbishopric of York (LP 4:6220; Gn 612)

Feb. 23: Thomas Hitton burned at Maidstone (G 164: CW 8: 1207n3)

March: Charles (Catherine’s nephew) crowned emperor by Pope; Henry called to Rome by Pope to answer Catherine’s appeal (LP 4:6256; Lm 105); pro-Henry opinions obtained from Oxford, with pressure (CSPS 4.1:270; Gn 620); Cromwell and Henry send Vaughan to get Tyndale [and Frith] to come to their side (Merr 100); French envoy reports that Henry will decide divorce question in England, without pope (LP 4:6307; Lm 105)

Mar 29?: Catherine and Wolsey ask Pope to request that Anne be sent from court to avoid international scandal (G 126)

April 11 (Easter Monday): Norfolk asks Chapuys if Spain will declare war if divorce question is decided in England, not Rome (CSPS 4.1:290, p.511; Lm 105; G 118)

June 12: Henry summons potential supporters (excluding More, & prelates favoring Catherine); threat of General Council; 83 eventually sign but only 4 bishops including Wolsey & Warham (C 1534; Sc 259,292; Lm 106; G 127)

June 22: authority given to TM and others to prorogue Parliament (LP 4:6469)

July 11: Praemunire charges against 14 leading churchmen (Gn 623)

Aug 2: Chapuys writes on the divorce, reasons for Praemunire charges, university opinions (C 1:396)

Aug. 11-16: meeting of leading councilors (Gn 625)

Sept: Henry closely studies Edmond Foxe’s and Thomas Cranmer’s Collectanea satis copiosa, a theological defense of English king’s imperial status and spiritual supremacy - i.e., his theocratic power (F&G 157-161, Ack 307)

Sept 20: Henry tells papal nuncio of English rights (C 1:433, p.723; 425; 429; Sc262; later: C 1:460; 492, p.797; 522, p.832-3; G 143; Lm 107; Gn 622)

Sept 19: Henry uses Royal prerogative to forbid exercise of foreign authority in England (G 139)

Sept 20: Chapuys reports that “the Chancellor, I hear, has spoken so much in the Queen’s favor that he has had a narrow escape of being dismissed” (C 1:433, p.727; G 139).

Sept, Michaelmas: Praemunire charges against 15 leading clergies, but trial postponed, then cancelled (Sc 273-4; Lm 107-8)

Sept, late: Henry argues that his imperial power allows him to prevent appeals from his realm elsewhere (legislation completed in 1533) (Sc 267-8; C 1:443; Lp 4:6667); Pope Clement VII responds blaming English delay (Lm 107)

Oct: Cromwell admitted to King’s Council (G 136, Ack 309)

Oct 7: Henry questions Rome’s jurisdiction (G 261, Lp 4:6667)

Oct, 2nd week: Henry asks his clergy and lawyers about power of Parliament; he angrily prorogues Parliament after getting an answer unfavorable to his plans (C 1:440, p.758; G 139 & 156; Sc 261, 292; Gn 625); Henry tells Papal Nuncio that the Pope “possessed no greater authority than that held by Moses” and that he is guilty of “usurpation and tyranny” (C 1:460, p.759).


Oct, 3rd week: Council decides to threaten whole clergy with Praemunire (G 136; Sc 274; Lm 108; Merr 334; Sc2 27-28; Lp 4:6699)

Nov 4: Wolsey is arrested, arguably to be tried for treason; dies Nov 29 (Lm 109)

Nov 5: King on negotiations with Rome (C 1:486-8)

Nov 18?: Henry gives some signs of restoring Wolsey to power (G 125); (C 1:509, p.819; Lm 108-109); King on Wolsey: (Lp 4:6720; C 1:638)

Nov 24: St German’s second dialogue is added to Doctor and Student, arguing that common law has precedence over canon law (G 2, 19; Ack 310)

--- Tyndale’s Practice of Prelates denounces Henry’s divorce

Nov, late: John More dies; TM holds him in his arms and weeps (M 13, Ack 303)

Nov: Wolsey plans to call northern Convocation; arrested for treason

Nov 29: Wolsey dies

Dec: King’s Council charges whole English clergy with Praemunire (Merr 93; Hall 774; Sc 275; Sc2 25; Consilia 725)