

1534 (TM is 56)

Jan: Cromwell interrogates More's publisher, William Rastell (*SL* 189-91)

Jan 15 - Mar 30: **Fifth Legislative Session**

-Fisher, Lee, Tunstall, Darcy, *et al.* told not to attend (*CSPS* 5.1:8; Lm 183)

Feb 1: More writes Cromwell defending his loyalty: he wrote no books against the King (*SL* 189-92)

Feb 21: Bill of Attainder introduced against Nun of Kent and others (*Hall* 813-14), including More (Lm 194-5)

Feb 26: Lords ask to hear TM's appeal (*LJ* 1:72; R 64; Ack 342; Lm 194-5)

Feb-Mar 5: TM writes Cromwell twice, giving facts of Nun of Kent (*LP* 7:265; *SL* 192, 193-201; Ack 344)

Mar 5: More writes King Henry and to Cromwell denying guilt (*SL* 202-5; Ack 342-43)

Mar 6: H. of Lords asks to hear TM's case (*LJ* 1:72)

-Henry has TM interrogated by Cromwell, Cranmer, Norfolk & Audley (*CSPS* 5.1:22 [*LP* 7:296]; R 64-65 Lm 195; "these

terrors be arguments for children, and not for me" R 67; Ack 344-45)

-H reluctantly deletes M's name from attainder bill against Elizabeth Barton (R 71; Lm 195)

-TM's salary as royal councilor is stopped around this time (*CSPS* 5.1:22; [*LP* 7:296]; Ack 346)

Act of Attainder of Elizabeth Barton and Others (25 H8 c12; *Hall* 806-14)

Submission of the Clergy to the King's Majesty Act (25 H8 c19 [*Gee* 195-200], *LJ* 1:80-81) formalizes 1532 submission by Convocation.

Absolute Restraint of Annates and Ecclesiastical Appointments Act [*Gee* 201-9] (25 H8 c20), confirms 1532

Conditional Restraint of Annates Act whereby annates are not sent to Rome; abbots and bishops are appointed by Henry VIII] (Lm 191)

Act Forbidding Papal Dispensations and the Payment of Peter's Pence [*Gee* 209-32] (25 H8 c21)

First Act of Succession (25 H8 c22 [*Gee* 232-43]; *LJ* 1:69-73), with penalty of high treason for writing or acting against

Succession; misprision of treason for refusing an oath conserving it or for malicious words, effective 1 May 1534

Act for the Lady Dowager (25 H8 c28), reducing Catherine from queen to princess dowager (Lm 196-8)

March, last week: TM bequeathed land to Ropers (R 79; Ack 350)

Mar 31: Convocation of Canterbury rejects papal supremacy (*Consilia* 769 [*Gee* 251])

April, 1st week: TM makes pilgrimage to Our Lady of Willesden; working on *Treatise on the Passion* (*SL* 185-88; Ack 350)

Apr 4: Pope's decision of March 23 about H's marriage reaches England (*Consilia* 769; Lm 199-200)

Apr 12: TM summoned to Lambeth Palace on Apr 13, after Low Sunday Mass at St. Paul's (R 72; Ack 350)

Apr 13: TM: "the field is won"; TM is asked to sign the oath at Lambeth Palace (R 72-73)

Apr 17: More imprisoned for refusing oath (*Hall* 814-15; *LP* 7:490, 499; *CSPS* 5.1:44); recounts events of Apr 13 to Margaret (*SL* 216ff)

Apr 20: Nun of Kent and five priest-supporters are hung, drawn, quartered (*Hall* 814; R 81; Ack 358-59)

May 1: Tunstall arrives in London, summoned by the King; royal agents search Tunstall's residences for evidence;

Tunstall signs oath by May 19 (Sc3 309-14); TM to Tunstall's servant: "he may do more good than to die with us" (Sturge 197-8, 372)

May ? : More responds to Margaret's letter trying to persuade him to take oath (*SL* 224ff); Margaret visits More (*SL* 226)

May 5: Convocation of York takes oath to Succession Act (*LP* 7:769)

May 16: Chapuys meets with Privy Council, including Tunstall and Fox (*CSPS* 5.1:58)

May 21: Tunstall, Lee, and Fox sent to convince Catherine to accept the divorce (Sc3 315; *CSPS* 5.1:58, p. 165)

June 2: Convocation of York rejects papal supremacy (*Consilia* 782 [*Gee* 251-2])

Summer: Barnes in London for embassy (*LP* 7:871, 873, 1064; *CW* 8 1396)

Aug: Observant friars dissolved for their opposition (*LP* 7:590, 1057, 1095; Lm 200; Ack 368)

Aug-Sept: More and Margaret write *Dialogue on Conscience* (*Corr* 514ff)

Alice and Margaret visit (*SL* 234); at least two letters are exchanged (*SL* 234, 239)

Sept: Clement VII dies (*LP* 7:1257; Lm 200)

Oct: Thomas Cranmer becomes Master of the Rolls (*LP* 7:1238; Ack 368)

Nov 3-Dec 18: **Sixth Legislative Session**

Supremacy Act (26 H8 c1 [*Gee* 243-44]), defines Henry's caesaropapism and requires an oath of obedience (Lm 202; *LP* 7:1437, 1594, 1602)

Second Act of Succession [*Gee* 244-47] (26 H8 c2), specifies wording of the oath since the oath of 1533 was "not agreeable with the statute" R78; Lm203)

Treasons Act [*Gee* 247-51] (26 H8 c13) passed with difficulty (H 228-29; Lm 203-206; Ack 369; HR 101-2)

Act of Attainder of John Fisher and Others (26 H8 c22), convicting them of misprision of treason for refusing the oath of succession

Act of Attainder of Sir Thomas More (26 H8 c23), convicting him of misprision of treason for refusing the oath of succession

Nov: Barnes revises *Supplication* as part of H's propaganda (*CW* 8 1388, 1397)

Christmas: Dame Alice writes to Henry 8 (*LP* 7:1591; *Corr* 548; Ack 369-70)

Other: *A Dialogue of Comfort* begun some time while in the Tower