

CAP. XV.

The Penalty for arresting of Priests doing Divine Service.

Item, Because that Prelates do complain themselves, that as well beneficed People of holy Church, as other, be arrested and drawn out as well of Cathedral Churches, as of other Churches and their Churchyards, and sometime whiles they be intended to Divine Services, and also in other Places, although they be bearing the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ to sick Persons, and so arrested and drawn out, be bound and brought to Prison against the Liberty of holy Church: (2) it is ordained, that if any Minister of the King, or other, do arrest any Person of holy Church by such **184** *manner, and thereof be duly convict, he shall have Imprisonment and then be ransomed at the King's Will, and make Gree to the Parties so arrested; (3) provided always, that the said People of holy Church shall not hold them within the Churches or Sanctuaries by Fraud or Collusion in any manner. (4) And therefore we command, that thou cause all the said Statutes to be cried and published, and firmly kept through thy Bailiwick, according to the Form and Tenour thereof, and

Item pur ce qe les prelatz se font pleindre qe sibien gentz de seint eglise beneficiez come autres sont arestuz & hors treez sibien des eglises cathedrales come des autres esglises & lour cimitters & tant come ils sont alefoitz entendantz a divines services & auxint en autres lieux tout soient ils portantz le corps notre seignour Jesu Crist as malades & issint arrestuz & forstretz sont liez & menez en prisone encontre la fraunchise de seint eglise ordeigne est qe si nulle ministre du roi ou autre face arester ascun persone de seint eglise par tiel manere & ent soit duement convict eit la prisone & ent soit reint al volunte le roi & face gree as parties issint arestuz purveue toutfoitz qe les dites gentz de seint eglise ne se tiegnent deinz les eglises ou sanctuaries par fraude ou collusion en ascun manere. Et pur ce vous mandons qe toutes les dites estatutz facez crier & publier & fermement tener parmy vostre bailly selonc la forme & tenure dicelles & ce