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Certeyn notes conteynid in a booke made by Mr Knokes for the which he was accused of treason againste themperour, his sowne & the quene before the Magistrates of Franckford the 15o of March A(nn)o 1555 by Mr Isaac, Mr Sutton, Mr Parry, ¹ with the consent of D. Cockes, Bale, Turner of Windesour, Juell, Machell,² & divers other Englishmen. And the 18o of the same they went agayn to the Magistrates to knowe their answar to the said accusations. wherupon they sent for Mr Whittingham & Mr Williams & commanded that Mr Knokes shuld depart the citee.³

¹ The three 'complainers' were all wealthy gentlemen or merchants, Edward Isaac, Garrett, 195-6 and ODNB. Edmund Sutton, Garrett, 300-1. Knox's 'Narrative' does not include Sutton. Henry Parry, Garrett, 245-6 and ODNB. Richard Chambers was later accused by John Macbriar of having taken a part in the complaint, see Chambers to Cox, 19 July 1555, DD/PP/839 52-3.

² Those who 'consented' or in Knox's Narrative gave their 'counsell' [p 47] Richard Cox, Garrett 134-6 and ODNB; John Bale Garrett 77-8 and ODNB; Richard Turner, prebend of Windsor, Garrett 313 and ODNB; John Jewel Garrett 198-9 and ODNB; probably John Matchell, Garrett 223, not named in Knox's 'Narrative'.

³ In Knox's 'Narrative' the information in this paragraph is contained in the introduction to the items [p. 47] and in the sentences immediately following the items [p. 48].

Thawtor speaking against Idolaters, and howe they oght by the expresse
commaundement of God to be putt to deathe saithe⁴

i Yf Mary & hir cownseillours had bene sent to hell before theis daie, hir crueltie
shuld not so manifestly have appered to the world.

ii Jesabell never erected half so many galloes in all Israel, as mischevous Mary hathe
done within London alone.

iii Wold any of you have confessed towe yeres agone, that Mary yo(u)r myrrour had
bene false, dissembling, inconstant, proode & a breaker of promisse, except such
promesse as she made to your god the Pope, to the great shame and dishonour of her
father.

iv The love of her native country cowld not move that wicked womans harte to pitie.

v She declarithe hir seilf an open traiteresse to the realme of England, contrary to the
iust laws of the same to bring in a straunger, & make a proode Spaniard King, to the
distruction of the nobilite & subversion of the realm.

vi Under an Englishe name she bearithe a Spaniardes harte.

vii Yf god had not for owr skowrge suffred hir & her cruell counsell to come to
authorite etc⁵

viii Moche troble in England for the establishing that most unhappie & wicked womans
auctoritie (I meane of hir that now reignithe in Godes wrathe) etc

ix Marriage oght not to be contracted with those that be mainteyners of idolatry, such
as Themperour who is no less enimie to Christe than was Neroo.

⁴ Knox's 'Narrative' has 'put to death; and yet reserved by God's providence. I said:' [p 47].

⁵ Knox's 'Narrative' has items 6 & 7 in reverse order.