

Fun with basic abbreviations!

Fill in the blanks, all of which are abbreviations of some sort, including -es graph, -er graph, special p, wch/wth, tildes.

_____ I am right glad of *your* masters health & of *your* good hope of his
spedie retorne and yet at his _____ I wold have thought
Michaelmas as long tyme as for many cawses it is, God guide hym,
blesse hym, ^{^and^} prosper hym, and I pray you in *your* retorne of writing vnto
hym to besech hym for me to accept my humble Comendacons and to
retaine his wonted opinion of my redines to doe hym all the services
that I am hable, and my continuance in hartly praier for hym/
Touching the matter of *your* letter for the course that king henry kept in
dissolution of abbies, I am sorie I am so little hable to satisfie, for
therof I have vtterlie no notes or writings whervpon I am hable to
ground any instructions./ But what I am hable I will set downe as I
have vnderstoode by that _____ I have red & heard.

The first entrance was a _____ given by Cardinall Wolsey who vnder
_____ and for better habilitie to build his sumptuous Colledge dissolued
Certaine smale howses and by that doing of hym self (I dout not
with good warrant from Rome) he dyd make lese in other the conscience
toward those howses.

After hym ther came to the kings service Mr Cromewell who had served
the Cardinall in those former doinges

That Cromwall was the man that by his zeale his wisdom and his
Courrige was _____ to carry all to good effect. These
meanes he vsed.

He first found meanes to _____ the king that it lawfully might be done
That for his Crowne and state in safetie it was it was [sic] necessarie to
be done, for that he made appere to the king how by their meanes the
Pope and clergie so great aucthoretie reuenue alliance and prinsipallie
_____ of the soules, and obedience of _____ that they weare
able to putt _____ in hazard of their will.

That for his revenue and _____ of his estate wares & affaires
both in warr and peace, at home and abrode _____ others it was
most profitable to disolue them for _____ of his tresure

He allied the king so strongly _____ mighty forens in Germany,
and that leauge [sic] of religion so as _____ their forces & his treasure
and the _____ of _____ by their comon enemy the

pope he was hable to with stand and encountre any foren princes so
at the Popes _____ and _____ his kingdome to the
occupanti wold make any attempt against hym[.] This aliance
was both by leauge [sic] _____ Saxonie and other and the mariage _____
the sister of Cleue.

The Emperour and french king were so in hostillitie that eyther
of them was glad to wine king Henry to his _____, wherby
either of them feared to irritate hym lest he coyning _____ the
other might make to hard a match against the invader, wherby
I thinke that the same hostillitie was cherished by Cromewells
Pollicie, whervpon grewe the play in france wherin were shewed
the Emperor and the french king playing at tennise and the king
of England paying for the balles, beside that though they
had not bene in hostillitie, yet wither of them durst suffer the
other to overgrow by impropriating to hym self anie thing in England,
and so the Emperor hymself was glad to sit still allthough the _____
ground in shewe of the quarrell touched hym in honor for his
Auntes _____.

Cromewell caused _____ to go abroade & mainteined them to instruct the
people and to _____ the _____ consciences to stand fast to the king _____

feare of the Popes curse or his dissoluing of ther allegiance.

He caused to be placed in the Archebishops seate Cranmer and in _____
other bishoprickes & hie places in the Clergie _____ by meanes
wherof he was hable to execute great _____ among themselues,
and they were not hable so mucche as to enter into any full and
_____ counsell against hym, mucche lesse to putt any thing in
publike denuntation and execucon as against the former _____ of
this realme.

He knew that the clergie had in king Richard the secondes tyme
suborned another _____ Collor of a next attempting the like _____ the
Marques of Excester, he cawsed the heades of that faction
to be cutt of: suche as the howse of guise is now in ffrance who
kepe the lorrane title of Caroloningians in breath against the
Capiningians or _____.

He _____ the king by mainteyning of equ[.]ins and by holding
Towe the over eminent power of such great ones as in tymes past
had like bellwethers led the shepish _____ of England against
their prince to be knit fast to hym the love of his comons and
specially of the Citie of London./

He placed _____ and priors in _____ great howses many lerned
men and men _____ against those _____, _____ men were
redie to make surrender of their howses at the kinges
_____./

He caused the king to restraine all _____ to Rome & all _____
of his _____ that he for _____ appeales _____ & other causes
wherby both he kept treasure and held yt from his enemies &
restrayned his enemies from flying to forreine _____ or conference
_____ them, he six visitacons to be made of all the religious
howses toching their ~~con~~ _____, whervppon was returned
the booke called the black booke expressing of _____ suche house
the vile lyves and abhominable factes in murde^{rs}ing of their
bretheren in Sodomies, in whordomes in destroying of children
in forging of deedes & other infinite horrors of lyf in so mucche as
deuiding all the religious _____ of england into three _____, And
of thiese _____ at the least weare Sodomites and this
Appeared in writing with the names of their _____ & ^{their} _____: This
was shewed in _____ and the villaines made knowen and
Abhorred.

He caused the king of the Abbies possessions to make such _____
as it behoued infinite multitudes of their owne intrest to wyne
_____ the king in houlding them downe _____ he did by _____ menes
and these among other vz. founding _____ Bishopprickes and
_____ these possessions selling many of them to many men
for reasonable prices exchanging many of them _____ the nobility
and other for their auncient possession to their great gaine _____
whome he exchaunged preferring many sufficient _____ to the
_____ service who were sone rayseed to Nobility and some
to worshipp and good _____ and all indowed with _____
out of the revenues of Abbies/

Here is all that I can remember

Ther was also vsed for the manner of the dissolution first _____
_____ and other that could be thervnto _____ or were some of
them for that _____ placed by the king made surrender of their
houses and Conveyed them to the king by order of law. and
had Competent pensions both them selues and their company
during their liues/

Some being detected by the said visitation to have the _____ favor

not to punish them _____ reigor nor to publish their infamie for ther
vile factes were likewise Content to surrender

ffor all the rest (_____ were then not many) the _____ being
made acquainted _____ their vile lives were redilie contented
both to confirme their surrenders and to give their _____ to the
giving of all the rest to the king./

Now by whome you may lerne the rest I will enforme you/

Mr Chauncellor of the duchie was then the *Lord Cromewells* servant
and I thinke can say muche./

My Lord Treasurer by recordes in secrete tresurie and by collection
of _____ of knowledge and by such other meanes as he hathe
Counsaile most of all men and best direct this to his naturall
Course./

Butt of a private man no man in England is in myne oppinion
Comparable to the recorder of london I am sure he canne _____
vs by _____ and _____ remayning _____ hym very many
_____ and I suppose sufficient for this question.

I meane to hast to london the rather to further you in this
matter by some Conference ____ you I _____ to be ther on
m monday I wold _____ have come but that I had before
Appointed some Attendance here one my *lord* Cheyney ~~and~~ and
other for her _____ service/

I have nothing to forward this matter at London more then I
haue here for touching this course: Omnia mea mecum porto /

Mr Milles I am *your* _____, *yours* and all his

I Comend to you the towne of Iernemouth [i.e., Yarmouth] so farr as they wilbe well
aduised for they are honest men. So farre you well

At Sharpenhow in Bedfordshire iijor myles beyond Luton xij
myles beyond St Talbones this I write because you may know
whether to send an other tyme I wold you had a _____ occasion to
Come and see This last of august 1581.

Yours assured

ffor the residue I must referr you to the Statutes

Endorsed:

A copie of Thomas

Nortons Letter