



King's Apartments
Hampton Court Palace
Hampton

Your Holiness,

I am sure you know why the King of England is writing to you. Can you believe that my Catherine, former wife of my late brother, is refusing to divorce so that I may marry the delightful and intelligent Anne Boleyn? I implore you to grant this divorce as, otherwise, it will be the ruin of this great kingdom

As everyone knows, I as the lawful king of this nation should be able to decide who is my queen. I have served this country, without fail, for the last 24 years. I always put my people first and this divorce is nothing different. As everyone knows, I am really only marrying Anne for the good of my kingdom. Catherine is putting her own needs before those of the kingdom. This is very unchristian.

As everyone knows, a king needs a strong male heir to secure the future of the kingdom. I see it as my sovereign duty to my loyal subjects to ensure that they have a king after I depart this world. At the moment all I have as an heir is the weak and feeble Princess Mary. If she were to succeed the throne, it would be an unmitigated disaster.

There is no doubt in my mind that Anne is much more suitable to sit on the throne than Catherine. Catherine is Spanish and never understood the ways of the English Court or the English people. Anne, who is a born and bred English lady of noble birth, would understand the English people better and they would love her for it. Could you deprive my loyal subjects of this?

I would also like to draw your attention to the worrying fact that Catherine is planning to encourage her nephew, the Holy Roman

Emperor, to threaten you. This is not becoming of a queen or a loyal servant of the Church. Anne, a kind and caring lady, would never dream of threatening Your Holiness.

I believe that the choice between Anne and Catherine is quite clear, Your Holiness. I beg you to make the right decision, not just for me, but for England and the Church.

I have the honor to profess myself with the most profound respect. Your Holiness' most obedient and humble servant,

Henry Rex,

King of England, Ireland and France