

Chapter 6

Darius finding in the regifter, that Cyrus gaue licence to build the Temple, commandeth that none hinder it: 8. geueth alfo money towards the charges, and hoftes for facrifice.

Then Darius the king commanded, and they fearched in the librarie of the bookes, that were layd vp in Babylon, ² and there was found in Ecbatanis, which is a caſtle in the prouince Medena, one volume, and there was fuch a cōmentarie written therein: ³ In the firſt yeare of Cyrus the king: Cyrus the king decreed, that the houſe of God ſhould be built, which is in Ierufalem, in the place where they immolate hoſtes, and that they lay the foundations ſupporting the height of threefcore cubites, & the bredth of threefcore cubites, ⁴ three rewes of ſtones vnpoliſhed, & fo rewes of new timber: and the coſtes ſhal be geuen out of the kings houſe. ⁵ Yea & the veſſels of the temple of God, of gold & of filuer which Nabuchodonofor had taken out of the Temple of Ierufalem, and had brought them into Babylon, let them be reſtored, & brought backe into the temple of Ierufalem vnto their place, which alfo were put in the temple of God. ⁶ Now therfore Thathanai prince of the countrie, that is beyond the Riuer, Stharubazanai, and your counſelers the Apharfacheites, which are beyond the Riuer, depart farre from them, ⁷ and ſuffer that temple of God to be made of the duke of the Iewes, and of their ancientes, that they may build that houſe of God in his place. ⁸ Alfo there is cōmandment geuen from me what muſt be done of thoſe ancientes of the Iewes, that the houſe of God may be built, to witte, that of the kings coffer, that is, of the tributes, that are geuen out of the countrie beyond the Riuer, the charges be diligently geuen to thoſe men, left the worke be hindred. ⁹ And if it ſhal be neceſſarie, calues alfo, and lambes, and kiddes, for holocauſt to the God of heauen, wheate, falt, wyne, and oyle, according to the rite of the Prieſtes that are in Ierufalem, let there be geuen them day by day, that

there be no complaynte in any thing. ¹⁰ And let them offer oblations to the God of heauen, and pray for the life of the king, and of his children. ¹¹ By me therfore there is a decree made. That euerie man, which shal alter this commandement, there be a beame taken of his house, and fet vp, and he be fast hanged vpon it, and his house be confiscate. ¹² And the God, that hath made his name to dwel there, destroy al kingdomes, and the people that shal extend theyr hand to resist, & to destroy the house of God, that is in Ierusalē. I Darius haue made the decree, which I wil to be diligently accōplished. ¹³ Therfore Thathanai the prince of the countrie beyond the Riuer, and Stharbuzani, and his counsellers, according to that which Darius the king had commanded, so did execute it diligently. ¹⁴ And the ancientes of the Iewes built, and prospered according to the prophecie of Aggeus the prophet, and of Zacharias the sonne of Addo: and they built and fet vp, the God of Ifrael commanding, and ^a)Cyrus commanding, and Darius, and Artaxerxes the kings of the Persians. ¹⁵ And they were finishing this house of God, vntil the third day of the moneth of Adar, which is the sixth yeare of Darius the king. ¹⁶ And the children of Ifrael, the Priestes and the Leuites, and the rest of the tranfmigration, made the dedication of the house of God in ioy. ¹⁷ And they offered in the dedication of the house of God, calues an hundred, rammes two hundred, lambes foure hundred, buckgoates for the finne of al Ifrael twelue, according to the number of the tribes of Ifrael. ¹⁸ And they fet the Priestes in theyr orders, and the Leuites in theyr courses ouer the workes of God in Ierusalem, as it is writen in the booke of Moyfes. ¹⁹ And the children of Ifrael of the tranfmigration made the Phafe, the fourteenth day of the first moneth. ²⁰ For al the Priestes and the Leuites were purified as it were one man: al cleane to immolate the Phafe for al the children of the tranfmigration, and for theyr brethren the Priestes, and them selues. ²¹ And the children of Ifrael that were returned from the tranfmigration, did

^a The hart of the king is in the hand of our Lord. *Prouerb. 21.*

eate, and al that had feperated them felues from the
coinquination of the Gentiles of the earth vnto them,
to feeke our Lord the God of Ifrael. ²² And they made
the folemnitie of Azymes feuen dayes in ioy, becaufe our
Lord had made them ioyful, and had turned the hart of
the king of Affur to them, that he fhould helpe theyr
handes in the worke of the houle of our Lord the God of
Ifrael.