

REV. GEORGE DUDLEY, LL.D.,⁹ KNIGHT OF ST. JOHN OF
JERUSALEM.

On the 12th day of October, 1557, George Dudley an English Knight who, some years before (1545) had been received into the Venerable Language of England, as a military brother, and who in the schism and division stirred up by Henry VIII., King of England, against the Catholic Church had followed that error, had taken a wife, had adhered to the said schism, and had abandoned his habit, being penitent, came into the convent, and having asked pardon of the Order for his previous conduct, the same was granted by the Right Rev. Lord Grand Master, and his venerable council.

But the great favor it was to be understood had not been granted without it having first been satisfactorily proved that the said George Dudley had become, through his humiliation and prayers, absolved from his apostacy and other crimes by him committed, and reconciled and restored to the bosom of the Holy Mother Church. He was therefore pardoned, and re admitted into the fellowship of the Order, and of the brothers thereof. On the 11th of May, 1558, it was decided by the Right Rev. Lord, the Grand Master, and the Venerable Council, that, on account of the poverty of the brother, George Dudley, at present the only English brother of the Venerable Language of England, permission should be granted for him to sue for, exact, and recover all the revenues and rents of houses belonging to the said Language, existing in the town of Valetta, from any and all of the tenants, and to give receipts for the same so long as the Venerable Language be congregated and exist in the convent. — *Vide Latin Manuscripts of the Order, 1557—1558.*

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EDMUND DUDLEY, ESQ.,

Lawyer, Privy Counsellor and M. P., was born in 1462, being son of John Dudley, Esq., or Kt. of Sussex Co., and his wife Elizabeth, dau. of Sir John Bramshot, of Gatecombe, Isle of Wight. Edmund's father was possessor of a large fortune both in his own right and that of his wife.* Being noticed in youth to have a brilliant genius, he was sent to Oxford University to be educated in 1478, at 16 years of age. After studying the ancient classics, he was removed to London and placed at Gray's Inn, where his arms, in later years finely

* Fuller's Worthies in Staffordshire, p. 43.—Bio. Brit. art. Dudley Family.