

from his Sovereign and grants of more than £200 per an. for life. Henry VI. also appointed him treasurer of his household, and he was, in 1460, elected a knight of the most noble Order of the Garter. We are not told how long he remained in prison, but the House of Commons being mostly Yorkists, prayed the king to remove Sir John Sutton and some other noted persons from among them and exclude Sutton forever from his royal counsels, and ever to prohibit him from approaching within twelve miles of the court.* But Henry VI. refused the petition. Lord Dudley fought at the battle of St. Albans, May 23, 1455, where the king was defeated by the Duke of York and taken prisoner. Dudley was also taken a prisoner of war and sent to the Tower of London; but he was soon released, as peace prevailed shortly afterwards. He still, however, persevered in the Lancastrian cause for Hen. VI. Jeland, the noted antiquary, thus describes that action: "At Bloreheath, was a field fought between the Earl of Salisbury and northern men on King Edward's part, who overcame the lords Audley (slain) and Dudley (wounded) with Queen Margaret and Chestershire men, who lost the field."† Lord Dudley was one of the knights taken prisoner. By singular good fortune he was equally honored in the next reign by Edward IV., who granted Lord Dudley a pardon in his first year from all debts upon accounts due from him in the exercise of his office. and, afterwards, another grant of one hundred marks yearly to issue from the Duchy of Cornwall, and lastly, one hundred pounds per annum from customs of the port of Southampton. In the 17th of King Edw. IV., he was employed as a Commissioner, with his brother-in-law, the Earl of Arundell, who had married Dudley's wife's sister, (Eleanor Berkeley) to treat respecting the prorogation of the truce between France and England.

In the Register of the Order of the Garter, it is recorded, that, in 1461, Lord Dudley had the stall of the deceased Earl of Longueville. There were then only 12 Companions, *viz.* 1, King of Portugal; 2, King of Poland; 3, Earl of Warwick; 4, Earl of Kendall; 5 Vis. Bouchier; 6, Lord Sudeley; 7, Lord Dudley; 8, Lord Beauchamp; 9, Earl of Kent; 10, Lord Wells; 11, Lord Ryvers; 12, Sir John Wenlock.

In 1472, there were 17 members, including the new ones, *viz.*, King of Naples; Duke of Burgundy; Duke of Gloucester; Duke of Clarence; Earl of Essex; Earl of Douglas; Earl of Arundell; Lord Hastings; Lord Scrope, etc.

* Hume. Twamley. † Itinerary, VII. 20.