

for it was just such a book as young Henry desired.* I have seen this book. It is in our large libraries.†

Henry VIII. held fast to the spoils of the people which his father left, and chose to appease them by sacrificing the faithful agents of Henry VII's avarice, and issued his writ for their execution, and Empson and Dudley were beheaded on Tower Hill, Aug. 18, 1510, and their bodies and heads were buried, Empson's in White Friars' Church, and Dudley's in Black Friars' Church. Mr. Dudley was 48 years old. He had inherited some estate from his father and more from his mother, to whom he was heir in his 36th year. He married first, Anne, dau. of Thomas de Windsor, Esq., of Stanwell (sister of Sir Andrews Windsor) by whom he inherited a good estate, and he acquired a very great estate by his second wife, who was a lineal descendant of Edward I., king of England.‡ Edmund Dudley deserves much pity for his fate on account of his youthfulness when the exactions were enforced by the griping king, in the early part of his reign. Dudley did not come into the direction of his affairs till late, when they had nearly ceased. Besides, the king carried things with a strong hand and without regard to any advice.||

The rapacity, complained of, was the enforcement of old statute laws, which had been mostly inoperative during the War of the Roses, for the rich had been careless of observing them. The exactions were not drawn from the poor. Mr. D. was not tried by a court or jury, but before commissioners assembled in Guild Hall, London.

His wife and five children were deeply to be commiserated. John, the eldest son and heir, was only 8 years old. All their father's estate was confiscated, and the widow, after some time married, for a second husband, Arthur Plantagenet, Viscount L'Isle, a natural son of king Edw. IV., by whom she had three more children, *viz*: Bridget, Frances and Elizabeth. Bridget m. Sir Wm. Carden; Frances m. 1st John Basset and 2nd, Thos. Monck; Elizabeth m. Sir Francis Jobson, Lieut. of the Tower and Master of the Jewel office of Queen Elizabeth.

Edmund Dudley, by his first wife, had one child, a dau. Elizabeth, who m. 1st, Peter Lord Stourton, who d. in 1536. She m. 2ndly, Peter's brother, Wm. 6th Baron Stourton, (who d. in 1548,) being his first wife. His second wife was Anne Royce, dau. of the Countess of Bridgewater.—*Bio. Brit. Vol. VIII. p. 183-4.*

* Virgil's Hist. of England, book XXVII.

† Hollinshed chron. II., 798.

‡ Burke's Royal Descents. || Bio. Brit. Vol. V. p. 426.