

JOHN DUDLEY, DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

Sir John Dudley, K. G. (eldest son of Edmund Dudley, Esq.), Baron of Malpas, Viscount L'Isle, Earl of Warwick, and Duke of Northumberland, reputed by some historians the most powerful subject that ever flourished in England, was born, A. D. 1502, when his father stood highest and was most esteemed by the King and the people. His father was Speaker of the House of Commons the year after this son's birth.

He was 8 years old when his father was beheaded to stop the clamor of the people rather than to satisfy justice. By his guardian, Edmund Guilford, Esq., of the King's body guard, he petitioned



John Dudley, K. G., Duke of Northumberland, born 1502, died 1553.

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Parlia., that the attainder of his late father might be reversed and himself restored in blood. This was done by a special act passed for the purpose in 1511.*

His mother was distinguished for her virtues, and no doubt she attended carefully to his education, and his guardian was a very fine gentleman, and shone in a court the politest in Europe.

* Herbert's Hist. of Henry VIII., Dugdale's, Baro., Bio. Brit. art. Dudley.