

SIR ANDREW DUDLEY, K. G.

I have not supposed there were materials enough to be obtained for a complete life sketch of this gentleman. But he occupied a prominent place in the affairs of his times ; especially of Edward the Sixth's reign, and the items gathered will be now put together. There is no portrait of him mentioned, so far as ascertained.

He was own brother to the Duke of Northumberland, being next younger son of Edmund Dudley, Esq., the great lawyer of Hen. VII., by his second wife, Elizabeth Grey.

Sir Andrew was born about 1504. He had good abilities and a good education, although made an orphan, at about 6 years of age, by the terrible tragedy of his father's death on Tower Hill.

His noble mother and brother, John, probably smoothed his pathway, after the loss of the family estates by confiscation, and when young Edward VI. held the throne, these Dudleys were his favorites. King Edward granted to Sir Andrew the manors of Whitney and Minister Lovel and the hundred of Chadington in 1551-2. He was elected a Knight of the most Noble Order of the Garter, April 24, 1552, and installed Dec. 16, following, but attainted and degraded with his brother Nov. 27, 1553*

According to Burnet's History of the Reformation, he was, some time in 1551 or 2, captain of Guisness Castle. On page 63, Burnet says, Oct. 6, "Because Sir Andrew Dudley had very much indebted himself by his services at Guisness ; also because it should seem injurious to Lord Willowby, that for the contention between him and Sir Andrew Dudley, he should be put out of his office, therefore it was agreed, that Lord William Howard should be Deputy of Calais, and the Lord Gray Captain of Guisness."

In Fabyan's Chronicles, page 708, it is said, that March 1546, "Sir Andrew Dudley, Vice Admiral, with the Paunce and the Hart, being but single manned, had a great conflict with three Scottish ships, being double-manned and trimmed with ordnance, in the narrow seas, and obtained the victory, and took many prisoners, and brought the ships into Orwell haven, where they did remain." "Again," continues the chronicler, "at the Parliament, which began Oct. 10, 1553, were convicted and attainted of high treason, John Dudley, duke of Northumberland, John Dudley, earl of Warwick, Sir Andrew Dudley, Kt., Guildford Dudley, Esq., and Jane, his wife, Henry Dudley, Esq., and others. The 20th day of January, was condemned at Guild Hall, lord Robert Dudley, for high treason."

* Hist. of British Knighthood.