

would fill large tomes. They cannot be specified, but must be learned from the documents, letters and inscriptions which will be hereto annexed, and from other sources.

When his father and brother Lord Guildford Dudley were beheaded on Tower Hill, in 1553, he was imprisoned, tried, convicted of high treason, and sentenced to death; but through the favor of Philip, the Spanish consort of Queen Mary, and other friends, he was pardoned for life by act of Parliament, and restored in blood. At that time he had the daughter of Sir John Robsart for his wife, to whom he was married at Sheen, in Surrey, in the royal palace, there being a public wedding, which the king (Edward VI.) attended, and noted in his Diary, June 4, 1550. Dudley early received the favor of King Edward, was Knighted and made Master of the King's Buck Hounds for life, and sworn one of the six gentlemen of the King's Chamber in Ordinary, in 1551. His wife's name was Amy, and the match between the youthful pair was procured by their parents. It was probably a fit and proper one, and there is nothing to show that due affection was lacking between them.

But when the lightning stroke came upon the Dudleys by Queen Mary's triumph over Lady Jane Grey, the young and sensitive Amy probably flew away to Cumnor Hall, near the home and habitation of her father's family and friends. In the terrible times which shook the English Court and nation, Amy evidently wished not to participate. She is thought by some to have been unsettled in her mind, and to have needed the care of her nearest kindred. Her father was dead. Thomas Blount said she was of *strange mind*. Mr. Pettigrew says he thinks she labored under some mental infirmity. She left no children.

Robert Dudley, after her decease, remained single many years. Under Queen Mary he was made Master of the Ordnance, and he carried messages between Philip and Mary. Probably he also carried communications between Philip and Mary and Elizabeth in her captivity, at which time the intimacy of Princess Elizabeth and Dudley began; because in the first year of her reign, he was entertained at Court as one of the Queen's principal favorites, and promoted to high offices. The Biographia Britannica declares that there never were two mightier peers in England than Robert Dudley and his father; and although they have been horribly slandered and abused by partisan enemies, I believe they were as good as other statesmen of their times. Great injustice