

friends for a conspiracy, and, upon the petition of Lord Sydney, an order issued out of that court for bringing in all the depositions, sealing them up and depositing them in the council chest. All the evidence also taken in the Star Chamber was locked up and no copies allowed to be taken but by the King's license. Thus ended Sir Robert Dudley's suit.

When we consider that this union between Lady Douglas and Lord Robert Dudley was the marriage of a granddaughter of Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk (who presided as Lord High Steward at the trial and condemnation of John Dudley, Duke of Northumberland, father of this Robert Dudley, who was also condemned to death for the same cause), how can we wonder that there should soon have arisen discord and a consequent separation?

Lady Douglas had been brought up, as a Roman Catholic, by the Romish family of Howard, who are papists to this day, while Robert Dudley had stood firm as a rock for the Protestants, and was hated with deadly rage and malice by every papist in the world. It was common for the priests to denounce such marriages as of no binding force unless consecrated by a regular Romish ceremony. What Lady Douglas thought of it we only know by her acts; and her son, born of that marriage, followed her example when he married his third wife in Italy while his second was living in England.

I have no further details of the life of Lady Douglas while living as the wife of Sir Edward Stafford. As to her being compelled to marry Stafford, it seems very doubtful that he would have accepted her under such circumstances. Much of her testimony is only known by hearsay. All the papers in that case of her son have never since been found.

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He said to me in 1847, as my written memorandum bears witness: "I hope you will find the Biography of the Dudley Family, which was in manuscript, and was sent by my father in 1816 or 1817, that is, about 20 years since, to Samuel Williams, banker, of London, Eng. Williams having died, his effects went to Wiggins of London." *See Wiggin. Genealogy.*