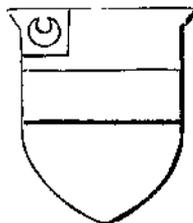


Arms of John Bramshot, Esq., of Gatecombe Manor, Isle of Wight; whose daughter married Sir John Dudley, that is, John Dudley, Esq., son of the Baron of Dudley.



Edmund Dudley, Esq. (the son of Sir John), Privy Counsellor of Henry VII., was nephew of Wm. Dudley, Bishop of Durham. He became a citizen of London just before the Bishop died, and was probably assisted and introduced into society by him. It is stated by the Heralds that both Edmund and Wm. Dudley certified their pedigrees and descent from the Barons of Dudley. There was abundance of evidence to prove their origin. It was never questioned till Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, by the great favors he received from Queen Elizabeth, excited the envy of his cotemporary courtiers, and particularly the Catholic partisans. Sir Philip Sidney expressly declares that the high origin of Leicester's Dudley family had never been doubted till Parsons, the Jesuit, wrote the libel, called "Leicester's Commonwealth." Edmund was named for his uncle Edmund Sutton, or Dudley, the heir apparent of his father, Sir John, K. G., the Baron of Dudley.

Ormerod says, "a fine was levied 23 Henry VII. between Edmund Dudley, the lawyer, and Richard Dudley, priest (first cousin to Edmund), and others plaintiffs, and Roger Horton and Joane, his wife, deforciant, of 300 messuages, 3 mills, 200 acres of land, 500 acres of meadow, 1000 acres of pasture, 500 acres of wood, 500 of furze and bruery, 200 of moor and marsh, and £20 Rent in Pecforton, Bickley, Oldcastle, Malpas, Shocklach, Barton, Horton, Wichalgh, alias Fulwich, Cuddington, Halghton, Bradley, Beeston, Spurstow, Bunbury, Cholmondeley, Edge, Overton, Agden, Larkden, Charleton, Tushyng-ham, Stockton, Tyldeston, Caldecote, Hetherston, Snabbe in the County of Chester, and of the advowson of Tyldeston church to the use of the said Edmund Dudley, Richard Dudley, and others, and the heirs of the said Edmund forever; which exemption was made at request of Nicholas Faryngton."

Thus were these estates purchased of the heirs of the Cokesays by Edmund and Richard; and all this time Edmund was not cousin to Richard, that is, he was a fraud; but Rev. Richard didn't know it! Is this possible?

Now, we will take another view of Edmund's position :