



Lexington Arms,
Argent, a canton
sable.

Adlard gives the Sutton Dudleys, a canton sable as their original coat, which came from Lexington house, and went to the Averham Suttons by mutual agreement between Wm. and Robert Sutton, A. D. 1286, Wm.'s family bearing the cross and Rob't's the canton sable.

Now, let us abide by that arrangement in good faith. The Sutton Dudleys descend from William and not from Robert, whose house after a while took the name of Lexington. There are some branches of the Sutton family that put a canton sable on their shield with the lion rampant, queue four-chiee vert; but they are not of any Sutton-Dudley house.

The Sutton Dudleys bore Argent, a cross patonce, for Malpas, which they inherited. Adlard appears not to have known that the cross was one of the armorial ensigns of the Sutton Dudleys.



Lion Rampant.



Sutton Lion.

The lion rampant seems to have been borne by the family as early as the 9th of Edw. II. Still, some of the Dudleys bore the single-tailed green lion, as Gov. Dudley did. At the town of Rothwell in Northamptonshire, Sir Thomas Tresham's old Market-House has the arms of neighboring gentry engraved upon it. One coat was the lion rampant, single-tailed, with a star for difference, for Oliver Dudley of Stowe, Co. Northampton, third son of Sir John Dudley, K. G., Baron of Dudley, summoned to Parliament 1439, d. 1488. Oliver was killed in 1469 at the battle of Edgecote. Doubtless Gov. Thomas Dudley had often seen this Market House, and knew that Oliver Dudley, slain at Edgecote, the previous century, was of his family. Baker copies this coat in his History of Northamptonshire. I saw the Market House in 1850. In the Norwich Cathedral there is a lion rampant for Dudley, engraved in 1578 for one of the Dudleys, who accompanied Queen Elizabeth to Norwich that year. This lion is single-tailed.