

from the castle. The bishop of London, writing to the king about this escape, calls George, "that naughty person Dudley."

"This George" (says Mr. Twamley) "plotted against King Henry, his brother Henry plotted against Queen Mary, and the other brother, Lord Edward Dudley, took either side, as his interest for the time prompted him; and all three suffered privation and distress in their earlier days; but so far as George was concerned, his strange, eventful story ends abruptly in Italy, May 5, 1543."

Dr. William E. Dudley has, however, found more about him at the British Museum. Throckmorton, writing to Francis Inglefield, from Orleans, Nov. 6, 1560, says, "On the 4th inst. I received a letter dated Rome, 19th Sept., by George Dudley, who came hither in very poor state for a knight of the order of Rhodes, and seemed rather to have broken out of the galleys than come from such an honorable religion as Rhodes is reported to be, etc." Also Throckmorton to the Council, says,—"The bearer, George Dudley, elder brother of Henry Dudley, came, as he says, from Malta, of which order he is a knight, and he prefers being in this country, as he says, before his devotion to the cross."

This seems really to be the same George Dudley as the one whose apprehension is ordered from Cork in 1583, as spoken of in the State Papers of Ireland, as follows: "May 16th, 1583, Cork; Sir Warham St. Leger to Capt. Thomas Wye: Commission to apprehend Thomas Walter *alias* Purser and George Dudalle with their confederates."

This date coincides with that of Large Dudley's ancestor, George Dudley, seen in the pedigree, page 152-3, who made his will in 1608, and they may be the same person, or, at any rate, father and son. But here are too many doubts for a plausible theory. It is very natural that he should have settled in Ireland in the reign of Queen Mary, as he was a well-known papist; and, although he might have gone back to Protestantism in time of the Earl of Leicester, still perhaps Ireland might have been congenial to him; and his brother the Baron Dudley, who had been reinstated in his paternal honors, as well as his cousins Leicester and Warwick, would probably have preferred to keep such a man as George in Ireland, away from them, and they might have continued to patronize him there. They were kind to all their relations, as Cecil accused them with undue severity.