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The Baronage of England by William Dugdale
Volume 2
Pages 382 to 383
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Thomas Lord Audley of Walden
[30 Hen 8]

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Of what Extraction this Thomas was, I have not seen: for, of the Family of the old Lords Audley, I suppose he was not; the Armes which he bore, being totally different from theirs: Nor have I observed any thing of him, till 18 H 8 (1526) that he became ^zthe Autumne- Reader in the Inner-Temple. Whereby it appears; that, having been a diligent Student of the Laws, he arrived to a great proficiency in the commendable Learning: in which within a short time after, he grew so famous that in 21 H 8 (1529) he was made choice of for Speaker ^b in the House of Commons in that Long-Parliament, which began upon the third of November in the same year; and continuing by Prorogation till 27 H 8 (1535) proved fatal to the Religious Houses, by the dissolution of all those whose Revenues were not certified to exceed the value of Two hundred pounds per annum In which his service was so acceptable to the King; as that, the next ensuing year (viz 22 H 8 (1530)) he was constituted ^c his Attorney for the Duchy of Lancaster. Also, in Mich Terme. (Craft Mart) advances to the State and degree of Sergeant ^d at Law: and upon the fourteenth of November following made ^e the King's Serjeant. Nor was any farther Promotion thought to great for him: for, in 24 H 8 (1532) upon the Resignation ^f of that worthy Lord Chancellor, Sir Thomas Moore, he was ^g Knighted, and made ^h Lord Keeper of the Great Seal: and before the end of that year, Lord Chancellor of England.

^z Origin Jurid p 164

^b Herb. Hist of H 8 p 292

^c Pat 22 H 8 p 2

^d Orig Jurid in Chron P 83

^e Orig Jurid in Chron P 83

^f Ibid p85 & Herb ut supra p 343

^g Ibid p85 & Herb ut supra p 343

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Being therefore thus raised to that high place; discerning the Pope's Supremacy newly abolish'd whereupon the Title of Supreme Head on Earth of the Church of Englnd, was vested in the King; who consequently took upon him, by his own absolute power to suppress^l the Priory of Canons of the Holy Trinity, commonly called Christ- church near Algate, in the city of London; he obtain'd^k the Scite and Precinct of the Religious House, and converted it to a fit Mansion for his own residence. Having likewise^l all the Plate and Lands thereto belonging, bestowed on him. And, in 30 H 8 (1538) sate^m High Steward upon the Arraignment of Henry Courtney Maruess of Exeter, then accused for Conspiring the advancement of Reginald Pole (afterwards Cardinal) to the Crown.

That this Thomas had been not a little instrumental, in carrying on that great design, for dissolving the lesser Monasteries, in that Parliament, wherein at first he was Speaker, none can doubt; his activeness for obtaining the Surrender of the rest, being so conspicuous; for I find,ⁿ that he employ'd a special Agent to treat with the Abbot of Atheiny (in com Somerset) and to offer him an hundred Marks per annum pension, in case he would surrender; which the Abbot refused insisting on a greater sum: Also^o that he personally dealt with the Abbot of St Osithes in Esser, to the like purpose; as by his Letter to the Visitor-general appeareth. Wherein he expressed, that he had by great sollicitation prevail'd with him; but withal, insinuated his desire; That his place of Lord Chancellor being very chargeable, the King might be moved, for addition of some more profitable Offices unto him. Nay it is evident, that hunting eagerly after that great Abby of Walden in Esser, which at length he obtain'd; as an argument the sooner to get it; besides^p his extenuation of its worth he alleadg'd; That he had in this world sustain'd great damage and infamy in serving the King, which the grant of that should recompence: and, that, being thus possess'd thereof he was by Letters Patent bearing the date 29th Novenber 30 H 8 (1538) created^r Lord Audley of the same Walden, and to the heirs male of his Body; as also installed Knight^s of the most noble Order of the Garter.

But long he did not enjoy this cast Wealth and Honour: for having, by his Testament,^t bearing the date 19 April An 1544 (35 H 8) bequeath'd his body to be buried in the Tombe of his new Chappel at Walden; and appointed that his Executors, should, upon the next New-Years day, after his decease, deliver a Legacie of One hundred pounds to the King, from whom (as his expression is) he had received all his Reputations and Benefits; he departed^u this life, upon the last day of the same moneth, at his place of Christchurch (before-mention'd) and was buried^{*} at Walden with Epitaph upon his Monument;

The stroke of Death's inevitable Dart
Hath now (Alas) of bereft the Hart
Of Sir Thomas Audley, of the Garter Knight,
Late Chancellor of England, under our Prince of
Henry the Eighth, worthy of high renown (might,
And made by hin Lord Audley of this Town
Obiit ultimo Aprilis A Dom 1544. Henrici 36
Cancellarius sui 13 Aetatis 56

Leaving issue,^x by Elizabeth his wife, daughter^y of Thomas Grey Marquess Dorset, two daughters; Margaret and Mary. Which Mary died unmarried as it seems: for Margaret became his sole^z heir; who first married^a to the Lord Henry Dudley (a younger son to John Duke of Northumberland slain at St uentind in Picardy in An 1557 (4 & 5 Ph % M) And afterwards to Thomas Duke of Norfolk (being his second wife) whose son by her, viz Thomas Earl of Suffolk (Lord Treasurer of England for almost six years in the time of King James) built upon the ruines of that Abby, that stately Fabrick at Walden, now known by the name of Audley-Enf. (in memory of this Lord Audley) not to be

^h Ibid p85 & Herb ut supra p 343

^l Ibid Pat 25 M 8 p 2

^k Ibid Pat 25 M 8 p 2

^l Herb ut supra

^m Ibid p 439

ⁿ Mt in Bibl Cotton Cleopatra E4 f113 b

^o Ibid f 201 a

^p Ibid f 197 a

^r Pat 30H8 p 5

^s Alen qu 1

^t I 15 in officio Arms f 145

^u I 15 in officio Arms f 145

^{*} Weevers Fun Mon p614

^x Catal, of Nob by R B

^y Catal, of Nob by R B

^z Ibid

^a Ibid

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