

neither reject the money nor break the Sabbath. He told the Knights that if they would pay the money on that day and no other, they must count it out themselves, which would be their sin, not his. "Now," said he, "I will attend my lord to the church, and then come back, and wait upon you." So, carrying them into the great hall, he directed them to lay their money when counted upon the table if they pleased; which they began doing. By the time he returned from the church, the money was nearly all counted and ready to be received. As soon as he found it all right upon the table, he ordered one of the servants, that stood near, to slip it into a great iron-bound chest, standing at the end of the table, which having a spring-lock, the lid fell down and locked of itself.

"Now," quoth Mr. Dudley, "I must return to the church to hear Dr. Preston," (who then preached before the Earl) "and, for your money, I will take your tale of it, and not trouble myself at this time to count it over; or, if you do not like that, here is the key of the chest, which you may keep for your security, if you wish, till tomorrow, when we shall have more leisure to speak of these matters." The Knights perceiving how nicely they were thwarted, forthwith accompanied him to church, and the next day one of them gave him fifty pieces to keep the affair to himself and not make them the subject of derision in the whole county, on account of this business. Thus the cunning are sometimes caught in their own snares. Mr. D. became so conspicuous for his acute shrewdness, that the Earl sought his advice in every important matter of business, and even would do scarcely anything of moment without his counsel.

Some one found among his papers an entry, made not long after he had left the Earl's family, to this effect: "I found the Estate of the Earl of Lincoln so much in debt,—all which I have discharged, and have raised the income so many hundreds per annum; God will, I trust, bless me and mine in such a manner, as he did Nehemiah, appealing unto the judgment of Him that knew all hearts; for he had walked in his integrity before God, to the full discharge of the duty of his place."

Toward the end of King James' reign when there was a demand for soldiers to go to Germany with Count Mansfeldt for the recovery of the Palatinate, and when the matter was first mentioned to the Earl of Lincoln, he was strongly inclined to go, for he was a zealous friend to the Protestant interest; and he might have been a Colonel in the Count's expedition. But resolving not to go without Mr. Dudley's favorable advice and company, therefore he sent down to Boston in Lincolnshire, where Mr. D. was sojourning, requesting him to come