

ROBERT DUDLEY, ESQ.

Robert Dudley of Shrewsbury, in time of Henry VIII., 1524-25, was a younger half brother of Edward Lord Dudley, and uncle of "Lord Quondam." This Robert was born in 1471, and was appointed steward of the Lordship of Powis, to which he had a family claim, the Lady Powis being his niece. He came to reside at Shrewsbury, and was admitted a burgess by the name of Robert Dudley of Dudley, in the county of Stafford, Esq. He served the office of bailiff in 1515, 1524, and 1526, and represented the town in Parliament in 1530. He married twice, but left no posterity. His death occurred in 1539.

REV. RICHARD DUDLEY.

This learned gentleman, the 5th son of Edmund Sutton or Dudley and his second wife Maud (Clifford) was half brother to Sir Edward, Lord Dudley, K. G., Baron of Dudley. He was uncle of John Dudley, Esq., of Stoke Newington. In Nicholls' History of Leicestershire, Vol. I. p. 561, he is called "Master Doctor Dudley, holding the prebend of St. Margaret's Church at Humberston, in 1534, which was worth 33^l per annum."

He had been collated March 30, 1507, in the prebend of St. Margaret's, at which time he is styled "A. M." I suppose he is the same man who was the incumbent of Brington, Northamptonshire in 1510, at which time he was called "Master Richard Dudley."—*Bridges' Northamptonshire.*

In 1531, this "Richard Dudley, clerk," with Edmund, the lawyer, and others, were purchasers of Malpas, Shocklach, &c., in Cheshire, as before noticed.* He is thought to have died about 1534, leaving no issue or widow, as he would not be likely to marry in his old age, even though he might have turned away from the pope, as did many of his relations, at the beginning of the Reformation. He had been a friend to his cousin, Edmund Dudley, the great lawyer, and doubtless also to Edmund's son John, Duke of Northumberland; and these two branches of the family long continued their intimacy. All this goes to prove that they were both descended from the Baron of Dudley, and well knew their precise relationship from the very beginning of their houses in time of the first Edmund Sutton or Dudley, and John Dudley, his brother.†

* Ormerod, II. 335 (Hist. of Cheshire.)

† See pedigree at page 60. *ante.*