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## Notes.

## LORD HUSSEY AND THE LINCOLNSHIRE REBELLION.

Amongst the collection of State Papers preserved in the Public Record Office are some curious documents relating to John, Lord Hussey of Sleaford, who in 1537 was attainted and executed for being concerned in the Lincolnshire rebellion. Three of these documents are specially interesting. We will take them in order of date. The first is Lord Hussey's will; the second, written after his arrest, is a statement—which he has been ordered to make—containing everything he knew concerning the outbreak; and the third a petition, addressed to the king, in which he prays that those to whom he is still a debtor may not suffer by his own forfeiture and attainder.

As the will—the earliest of the three documents set apart for notice—is not found amongst those at Somerset House, a full summary of its contents may be interesting. It is unsigned, and written on paper in a clear, neat hand; indeed, it would seem to be the very document to which it was intended that Lord Hussey should afterwards affix his signature. Its date—Oct. 22, 1535—suggests the fact that the testator's arrest, just about that time, prevented its ever being

signed. It was probably seized, together with his other property, when he was arrested.

John Lord Hussey was the eldest son of Sir William Hussey and his wife Elizabeth; Sir William, an eminent lawyer during the reign of Edward IV., was raised to the office of Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench in 1481;\* he died about the year 1495, his wife surviving him. In her will, dated in 1503, we find John Hussey already described as “Knight.” During the year 1521 he was made Chief Butler of England,† and in 1529, being then a Knight of the King's body,‡ had summons as “Johannes Hussey de Sleaford, Chivaler” to the Parliament which met at Westminster on November 3 in that year. Lord Hussey's name also appears amongst the signatures to the document which was sent from England to Pope Clement VII., praying him to yield to Henry's request for the divorce. In 1529, when many depositions of important witnesses were taken concerning the marriage of Prince Arthur with Catherine of Arragon, we find Lord Hussey giving evidence, and describing himself as being “63 years of age”;§ at the time, therefore, that the following will was prepared for him, he must have nearly completed his seventieth year.

“In the name of God, Amen, I Sir John Huse Knight, Lord Huse, the xxii daye of October in the year of our Lord Godd m<sup>v</sup> xxxv, and in the xxvii yere of the reign of King Henry the VIII<sup>th</sup>, being of perfecte mynde and good rememberance, laude and prayse be to Almyghtie God, Albeit being some what sicke in my body do constitute make and declare my last wyll and testament as well concernynge the disposicon and ordering of my Manors, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, as of my gooddes and cattells, in maner and forme following, That is to wete First and principally I bequeethe my soule to Almightye Godd my Maker, Redeemer and Saviour, and to our Blessed Lady Saint Mary, and to all the company of Heaven, And my body to be buryed in the church of Sempingham in the countie of Lyncoln, if I fortune to dye within sevy nmyles of the same Church And if I fortune not to dye within sevy nmyles of the said Church of Sempingham, then I wyll my body to be buryed in suche church as it shall please my executors and overseers of this my testament and last wyll. And that there be spent and bestowid by their discrecions in, at, and abowte, my buriall and funerall expences the some of one hundredre markes sterlynge, and not above. Also I wyll that my wellbiloved wif, the Lady Anne Huse|| shall

\* Pat. Roll, 21 Edw. IV., p. 2, m. 6.

† Pat. Roll, 13 Hen. VIII., p. 2, m. 1.

‡ Pat. Roll, 21 Hen. VIII., p. 2, m. 1.

§ B. M., Vitellius xii, fol. 98.

|| Dugdale, citing as his authority Glover's collections, states that Lord Hussey married twice; firstly, Anne, daughter of George, Earl of Kent; and, secondly, Margaret, daughter and heir of Simon Blount. This is clearly wrong. Anne must have been his last wife, being, as we see, his wife when he made his will, and it is hardly likely that, between the time of making his will and his own execution, she should have died and he married a second time.

have to hyr and hyr assignes for terme of hyr lyf for and in the name of hyr Joyntour and Dower all that my manor of Brig Casterton, with the app<sup>ts</sup> in the countie of Rutland, And all my Lands Tents and Heredits in Brig Casterton in the said county of Rutland And also my Manors of Woodhedd, Pikworthe, Infelde, and Outefelde, with the app<sup>ts</sup> in the said countie of Rutland. And also all my Lands, Tents, &c.....in Woodhedd, Owneby, Pikworthe, Infelde and Outefelde with the appts in the said Counties of Rutland and Lyncoln. And I wyll farther that my feoffes of and in the said manors, lands, &c..... before by me willed and appointed unto the said Lady Anne Huse, my wife, &c.....shall stand and be seized thereof for terme of hyr lyf, And immediately after hyr decease I wyll that my said feoffes, and their heyres, shall stand and be seased of and in all and singler the said Manors, Lands, &c.....to the use and performance of this my Last Wyll, and payment of my detts and Legacies if they be not at that tyme performyd fulfilled and paid. And my detts so paid, and will performyd; I wyll that immediately after the same my said feoffes shall stand and be seased of and in the said Manors, Lands &c.....to the use of my sonne Sir William Huse Knight,\* and of the heyres male of his body lawfully begotten for ever, And for default of issue male of the bodye of the said Sir William Huse to the use of Thomas Huse, my son, and of the heyres male of his body lawfully begotten for ever. And for default of issue male of the bodye of the said Thomas Huse to the use of Gilbert Huse my son and of the heyres male of his body lawfully begotten for ever, And for defaulte of issue male of the bodye of the said Gilbert Huse to the use of the heyres male of the bodye of my sonne Sir Giles Huse Knight, lawfully begotten for ever.† And for defaulte of issue male of the body of the said Sir Giles Huse Knight to the use of the heyres male of the body of my brother Sir William Huse Knight lawfully begotten for ever, And for defaulte of issue male of the bodye of the said Sir William Huse Knight to the use of my brother Sir Robert Huse Knight, and of the heyres male of his bodye lawfully begotten for ever. And for defaulte of such issue male, as before is expressed, and of every of them, Then I wyll that my said feoffes, and their heyres shall stand and be seased, of and in the premisses and every parcel thereof to the use of the heyres of the bodye of me the said Lord Huse lawfully begotten for ever. And for defaulte of suche issue to the use of the right heyres of me the said Lord Huse for ever.

"And farther I wyll that the said Lady Anne Huse shall have, take, levie and perceve yerely to hyr and hyr assignes to hyr owne use for terme of hyr lif naturall in performance of hyr joyntour and dower Twentie poundes sterling of the yerely rentes, &c.....of my manors of Castell Biteham, Biteham Parcke, and Little Biteham with the appts in the countie of Lyncoln. The said Twentie poundes to be paid to hyr yerely at two termys in the yere; that is to saye at the Feastes of Saint Martyn in Wynter and Pentecost by evyn porcions.

"And I wyll that my feoffes immediately after my decease shall stand and be seased of and in the said

\* On July 22, 1529, an indenture was made between Lord (then Sir John) Hussey and his son and heir William for a marriage settlement of the latter.

† Dugdale mentions Lord Hussey's children by his first wife to have been Giles, Thomas, Bridget, Elizabeth, Anne, and Dorothy; by his second wife William, Giles (of Carthorpe), Gilbert, Reginald, and Elizabeth. In 5 Eliz., Lord Hussey's children were restored in blood only (see Journals of Parliament).

manors of Castell Biteham, Biteham Parcke, and Little Biteham and oder the premisses aforesaid to the use and performance of the payment of the said yerely rent in maner and forme aforesaid.

"Also I wyll that Thomas Huse my son shall have to hym and to his heyres for ever all my Lands, Tents, &c.....in the Toune and felde of Ingoldesby in the said countie of Lyncoln which I myself before this tyme have purchased.

"Also I wyll that the said Thomas Huse my son shall have my ferme or Lease of Hanbek Grange in the countie of Lyncoln aforesaid and all my title right &c.....by what name or names so ever it be called; the which ferme I have to me and myn assignes by reason of an Indenture or Lease thereof unto me made by the Abbot and Convent of the Monasterye of Valle Dei under their convent seale for terme of certain yerys, &c.....

"Also I will and bequethe to my said son Gilbert Huse, my Lordship of Sapperton in the countie of Lyncoln with the appts, &c.....

"Also I wyll that the said Gilbert Huse my son shall have to hym, his executours and assignes the custodie wardship and mariage of Roulland Sherrard son and heyre of Robert Sherrard deceased, And all my interest &c.....of in and to all these manors Lands, &c.....which I have, or of right ought to have, by reason of the nonage, custodie or wardship of the said Roulland Sherrard, or of his Lands, &c.....during the nonage of the same Roulland Sherrard with all comodities, &c.....

"Also I will and bequethe to my daughter Marye Huse, fyve hundreth marks of good and Lawfull money of England towarde her mariage, And to my daughter Brigett Huse oder fyve hundreth marks of good and Lawfull money of England, toward her mariage. Whiche said somes of one Thousand marks, I will my said wife the Lady Anne Huse, hyr executours or assignes shall have, &c....., for and towards the mariages of my said two daughters Marye and Brigett as is aforesaid within the space of Tenne yerys next immediately ensewing after my decease in maner and form following. That is to wete yearly during the same Tenne yerys one hundreth marks by yere untill suche tyme that the said one thousand marks be Recevyd and hadd. Of the whiche said yerely some of one hundreth marks, twentie poundes to be recevyd yerely during the said tenne yerys by my said wife the Lady Anne Huse, hyr ex'ors or assignes, of the ex'ors of Cristofer Wymbursh deceased, And Fiftie marks to be recevyd yerely during the same Tenne yerys of Barclayes Lands, And the residew of the said one hundreth marks to be recevyd yerely during the said Tenne yerys of my ferme of the Parke of Folkingham in the said countie of Lyncoln. And if it happen the said Marye and Brigett, my dawghters, or either of them, to dye before thei or either of them shall be maryed, then I wyll that the parte or partes of hyr, or them so being dedd shall be delyverid to my ex'ors to the performance of this my last wyll. Also I wyll that my feoffes, their heyres and assignes shall immediately after my decease stand and be seased of and in my manors of Castell Biteham, Little Biteham, Blankenay, Brannston, Boston, and Skyrbek, with the app<sup>ts</sup> in the countie of Lyncoln, And of and in my manor of Kynsall with the app<sup>ts</sup> in the countie of Nottingham, And also of and in my manor of Brampton, with the app<sup>ts</sup> in the countie of Huntington, And of, and in, all my Lands, Tents, &c.....in Castell Biteham &c.....to the use and intent that thei my said feoffes, and their heyres shall suffer myn ex'ors and there assignes to have levye &c.....the rents revenues &c.....of all the same manors of Castell

\* Wymbushe, see after.

Biteham &c.....with the app<sup>ts</sup>, And of and in all my Lands, Tents, and Hereditis in Castell Biteham &c..... aforesaid with all my woods sayls yerely thereof to be sold for and to the payement of my detts and performance of my Legacies untill suche tyme that all my treu detts and Legacies be with the rents issues &c.....thereof, fully and treuly contentid, satisfied and paid.

"Also I wyll that my said feoffes shall stand and be seased of and in my manors of Castle Biteham, Little Biteham, Southwitham, Blanknay, Brannton, Dirington, Boston, Skyrbek, Kirkby—Laythorp, Brampton, and New Sleaford, immediately after my detts paid to the use of my sonne Sir William Huse Knight, and of the heyres male of his bodye, Lawfully begotten. And for defaulte of issue male of the bodye of the said Sir William Huse &c.....[remainder as before to his several sons in succession, and his two brothers, with ultimate remainder to the testator's own right heirs]. Also I will that my said wife the Lady Anne Huse by the advice of my welbelovyd brother Sir Robert Huse Knight shall have the Rule, ordering, governaunce, and fynding of all my said children with all the Lands, Rents &c.....to them and every of them by me gevyn or bequethed, by reason of this my Last Wyll and Testament or otherwise, untill such tyme that thei shall severally come to their lawfull age, or be maryed And of this my present last wyll and Testament I constitute and make my said brother Sir Robert Huse Knight my treu and lawful executor to see this my wyll treuly performed and executed according to the tenour and effecte thereof, to whome I beqwethe for his labour Twentie pounds sterlyng, and his costs abowte the execution of the same.

"And I comande and charge my son and heyre appaunte Sir William Huse Knight, apon my blessing that he at eny tyme after my decease do not eny act or acts, thinge or thinges that shall or may be to the lette, herte or prejudice of the execution and performance of this my last Wyll and Testament &c.....[The testator then provides that if—within six months after his death—his son Sir William Huse should find sufficient surety for the payment of the testator's debts and legacies, the assurance of his wife's jointure &c. then that he (Sir William) should become the sole Executor of the will, and Sir Robert Huse be discharged of all further rule and power]. And that the same Sir William Huse my son do have for and towards the payement of my detts and performance of my legacies and wyll All my plate, cattell, shepe and stuff of household that shalbe at the tyme of my decease within or apon the manor of Old Sleaford in the said Countie of Lyncoln, and being then at the tyme of the said suretie so hadd and taken as is aforesaid unadmynistred or distributed and not by me beqwethed or geven to my said wife or children so that the same Sir William Huse Knight do not in any wise medle with the receipt of the said one thousand marks before by me willed unto my said two daughters Marye and Brigett for and towards their mariages otherwise than myn executor or executors shuld have medled with the same by reason of this my last wyll as is aforesaid but that the same Sir William Huse shall permyte and suffer my said wife her executors and assignes to have and receve the same thousand marks in maner and forme as is above declared without lette or interupcion of the same Sir William Huse Knight or of eny order by his procurement. [The testator then appoints the Lord Chief Justice of England and Chief Justice of the Common Pleas to be the overseers of his will.]

"And also by this my present last wyll and testament I do clere, revoke and adnulle all other wills and Testaments before this tyme by me made, spokyn, written or declaryed concernyng the disposicon of my lands and tents. And further I wyll that this my present last

wyll and testament Do stand abide and be reputid and taken for my fulle and hoole last wyll and Testament Any wyll or Testament by me heretofore made or declared to the contrary notwithstanding."

WILLIAM JOHN HARDY.

(To be continued.)

"THE FIGHT AT DAME EUROPA'S SCHOOL,"  
AND THE LITERATURE CONNECTED WITH IT.

(Concluded from p. 403.)

136. \*Who's afraid? or, all about the Row in Dame Europa's School. By an Eton boy. Pp. 32. London, [1871], 12mo.—Represents England as desirous to support her honour by intervention, but restrained by Mr. Gladstone's Government till she can stand it no longer. Too late she makes preparations for an active policy. Advertised in the *Times*, Feb. 16, 1871, and Feb. 20. Author known.

Why John Bull grumbled, see No. 170.

137. \*"Why Johnny didn't interfere." An answer to *The Fight at Dame Europa's School*. Sixteenth thousand. Pp. 11. London, 1871, 16mo.—In favour of neutrality; against France, or rather Napoleon III. In the \*sixteenth, \*twenty-third, \*thirtieth, and \*forty-first thousands the cover has the additional words "revised and enlarged." They are almost identical in type, and both letter and postscript are signed "Johnny." Advertised as "just published," *Times*, Feb. 2, 1871, Feb. 9. "Twentieth thousand, new edition enlarged," *Times* Feb. 15, 17. Author known.

138. \*A widely different account of the Fight in Dame Europa's School. By an Old Boy. Pp. 31. London, 1871, 16mo.—In favour of English neutrality: against France and for Germany. Advertised in the *Times* March 13, 1871, and March 15.

139. \*William and Louis; or how "the Fight at Dame Europa's School" began, was carried on, and is likely to end. Pp. 22. Dublin, 1871, 16mo.—In favour of neutrality on England's part: suggests a conference of the great powers to prevent Germany from misusing her victorious position. Author known.

140. \*Young John Bull's letter to his Grandmother "Mistress Britannia." Containing the only authentic account of his conduct and opinions. Pp. 24. London and Leamington, 1871, 16mo.—In favour of non-intervention: against France and for Germany at the commencement of the war; afterwards Germany is regarded as having "hardened its heart," while the position of France excites pity. Advertised as "just ready" in the *Times* Feb. 25, 1871. Author known.

141. \*The Zoological Gardens of Europa. Pp. 29. London, [1877], 16mo.—An allegorical history of recent affairs in Europe; the Franco-German war appears as an episode in wider complications of European politics.

PART III.—WORKS OF FICTION OF THE SAME CLASS  
OR ON THE SAME SUBJECT AS "THE FIGHT AT  
DAME EUROPA'S SCHOOL," NOT DIRECTLY CON-  
NECTED WITH IT.

142. \*Æsop's new War Fables, by Augustus Brackenbury. Fifth thousand. Pp. 48. London, 1871, 16mo.—The fifth thousand is advertised as "now ready" in the *Times*, Feb. 15, 1871.

143. \*A Guillaume I<sup>r</sup>, roi de Prusse par la Grâce divine, et empereur d'Allemagne par l'effusion du sang. Pp. 15. London, 1871, 8vo.—French poem: signed "Nemo" and dated Jan. 1, 1871.