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Item number 1

Source: 49th Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records: app. iv

Title: *Calendar of Star Chamber Proceedings*, 1888, London, 521

undated [1509-1547]

When the arrangement of the records of the Court of Star Chamber was taken in hand at the Chapter House, Westminster, attention was in the first instance directed to the Bills and Answers of the reign of Elizabeth, and a Calendar was prepared dealing with some 43,000 suits, arranged under the initial letters of the plaintiffs' names. (Seventeenth Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records, p. 8.) Some progress was also made with the reign of Henry VIII., the documents being arranged alphabetically under the plaintiffs' names from "Ab" to Gy," and bound in 16 volumes, for which a Calendar was subsequently prepared. (Nineteenth Report of the Deputy Keeper, p. 18.) At this point, however, the work was suspended, partly in consequence of the retirement of the officer who was engaged upon it. For want of a calendar, or index, the remaining documents of the reign of Henry VIII., and all those of the two succeeding reigns, have remained practically useless to students.

The following Calendar deals with the contents of Bundles 17 to 26 inclusive, which immediately follow the 16 volumes already mentioned. It gives more information as to the subjects of the different suits than was given in the manuscript Calendar for the first 16 volumes; but, on the other hand, no attempt has been made to arrange the documents in alphabetical order, as such an arrangement would have involved considerable delay. By reference to the "county" column, the Calendar can be examined rapidly by anyone searching for information about a particular family or place.

The Court of Star Chamber, as it existed during the Tudor period, seems to have derived its authority from the Statutes 3 Henry VII., cap. 1, and 21 Henry VIII., cap. 20. The first of these recites that the orderly government of the realm was impeded by unlawful maintenances, giving of liveries signs and tokens, and retainders by indentures promises oaths and writings, or other embraceries, untrue demeaning of sheriffs in the returns and panels of juries, riots and unlawful assemblies, and it enacts that the Chancellor, the Treasurer, and certain other dignitaries should have power to summon persons so offending, and others, and to punish the misdoers just as if they had been convicted in the due course of law. The second statute enlarges the tribunal.

Most of the suits enumerated in the following Calendar relate to offences specified in the statute 3 Henry VII., cap. 1, riots and unlawful assemblies being the most common. The evidence of these records tends to show that in the reign of Henry VIII. the action of the Court of Star Chamber was by no means oppressive, and that it rather provided security for the humbler members of the community against oppression by their richer or more powerful neighbours. There are, however, instances of juries being prosecuted for their verdicts.

BUNDLE 24.

[No.:] 24

[Plaintiff:] Sir Robert Walope

[Defendants:] John Bayly, Thomas Goter, Nicholas Blaker, John Person, Thomas Mansfylde, John Stevyns, and John Honde.

[SUBJECT:] The manor of Marvylde, in the Isle of Wight.

[County:] Southampton

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Item number 2

Source: Printed

Title: *Calendars of the Proceedings in Chancery, in the Reign of Queen Elizabeth. From the Originals in the Tower. Vol. III. Printed by Command of His Majesty King George IV. In Pursuance of an Address of The House of Commons of Great Britain, 1832, London, 309*

[17 November 1574–16 November 1575]

**PROCEEDINGS
IN
CHANCERY.**

TEMP. ELIZ.

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[No.:] 15.

[*Plaintiff:*] Jonas Waters. — 17 Eliz.

[*Defendant:*] John Hunter, John Yaits, Robert Cobbe, Rafe Blacker, James Dobson, Henry Atkinson, Simon Blunt, and Percival Barnes.

[*Object of the Suit:*] Claim by grant of forfeited lands.

[*Premises:*] Divers tenements and land, in the city of York, in Sherefhutton or Sheriff Hoton, and Greleston, or Gregleston, all which having been given to superstitious uses, and forfeited by the Stat. 1 Edw. VI., were granted by the Queen's letters patent to John Marshe esq. and William Marshe, and since vested in the plaintiff.

[*County:*] York.

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Source: 49th Annual Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records,
Appendix III

Title: *Augmentation Office Records. Index to Enrolments of Leases and Pensions, Henry VIII. to James I.*, 1888, London, 237

[1603–1625]

The Index here printed is based on an ancient MS. Index which has for more than two centuries served as a guide to the contents of certain volumes among the so-called “Miscellaneous Books” of the abolished Court of Augmentations. The volumes so indexed are occupied for the most part with the enrolments of leases and pensions granted by the Crown out of the lands and revenues acquired by the dissolution of the Monasteries in the reign of Henry VIII. The ancient index had, however, in the course of time become so dilapidated by frequent use that, during the present century, the leaves had to be inlaid in order to protect them from further damage. Before this operation was carried out portions of the leaves had become worn or torn away and thus many of the references had been lost. Moreover, the ancient compilation was, on examination, ascertained to be defective, and misleading in other respects, so that it was found to be necessary to revise the entire work and, in order to make it complete, to index a number of additional volumes which were not referred to in the old Index.

The present Index, therefore, includes, it is believed, all the hitherto unindexed leases and pensions that are entered in the Augmentation Office “Miscellaneous Books.”

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Blacker, William, vol. 243¹, f. 140.

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¹ Letters Patent and Indentures James I.

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