'All wemen in that degree shuld to that men subjectit be': The controversial court career of Elisabeth Parr, marchioness of Northampton, c. 1547-1565

Volume II: Appendices and bibliography

# Appendix A: Primary documents relating to Elisabeth Parr, marchioness of Northampton

This list includes documents that directly refer to Elisabeth or her activity, so includes official documents that relate to her or make mention of her, her correspondence, and correspondence - personal and diplomatic - that mentions her, and that relating to activity directly applicable to her. This list is approximately chronological and corresponds to the narrative of Elisabeth's activity presented in chapter 2.

[Where I have inferred the connection the ambiguity is represented by underlining. Documents or volumes that contain multiple references are only listed once, at the earliest relevant date.]

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- 79. BL Additional MS 35832 ff. 82-4, Thomas Chaloner to Elisabeth Parr, marchioness of Northampton, 14 October 1562.
- 80. SP 70/43 f.76 (stamped 76), Erik of Sweden to Queen Elizabeth, 20 October 1562.
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# Appendix B: Elisabeth Parr - a source book

Original language quotations and transcriptions of documents relating directly to Elisabeth Parr, marchioness of Northampton<sup>1</sup>

The following quotations appear or are referenced in the text in the order that they are presented here.

### 1. LP, Henry VIII, 1542, 6, Eustace Chapuys to Charles V, January 1542

By his last, of the 29<sup>th</sup> ult., advertised the condemnation by Parliament of the Queen and ladies Norfolk, her daughter and Rochford. Until then this King had never, since he detected the Queen's conduct, show joy; as he has done since, especially on the said 29<sup>th</sup>., when he gave a supper and banquet to the ladies, 26 of whom were at his table, with certain lords, and 35 at an adjoining table. She to whom, for the time, he showed most favour and affection was the sister of Lord Coban and of the wife whom Mr. Huyet repudiated for adultery. She is a beautiful girl, with wit enough, if she tried, to do as badly as the others. It is also said that the King has a fancy for the daughter of Madame Albart, niece of the Grand Esquire, Mr. Anthony Brun. Likewise there is a bruit of a daughter [Anne Bassett] of the wife of Mons. Lyt, formerly deputy of Calais by his first marriage; and this is presumed partly because the said deputy, who has been nearly two years in close prison in the Tower, goes at liberty within it, and his arms, which were removed from the chapel of the Order, are ordered to be restored.

#### A translation of:

### CSP Span. 1538-41, 230, 468, Eustace Chapuys to Charles V, January 1542

...Jusques a la quelle condempnation ce roy dois quil setoit apperçu du [mauvais] governeent de la dite yone, navoit monstre allegrie ne joyssance comme yl a faict depuis, et mesmes au dit xxix, quil donnast le soupper et banquet aux dames done en sa table parmy aucungs sieurs en eut xxvi, et en une autre [table] la auprex xxxv...Elle est belle jeusne fille et a assez experit pour si elle lentrepregnoit faire aussy mal que les autres.<sup>2</sup>

# 5. BL Harley MS 283, f. 176, John Wilkins to George Brooke, Lord Cobham, 30 November 1545

... I was with maystress elesabeth at the courte one thursday last I talked wit her but a well for she wit hother of the queens mades wayted a pon my ladye marye to my ladye of suffockes howsse to the cressenyng of my lord hamberall child and there [...] was a nother and my lady of suffocke the thurde as I hard say / I talked with mystres stoner the mother of the mades and she sured me that wass nothyng in mystress elisebeth doynges that was to be mysse lilked.

# 11. SP 10/2 f. 32 (stamped 106), William Parr, marquess of Northampton to King Edward VI, [March] 1547

Most humblie with all Lordliness in an [unfained] weightie cause besecheth your excellente Majestie your true obediente subiecte and servaunte William Parr Markquasse of Northampton that whearas your said servaunte once to the greate decaye of his prosperose fortune married to the Ladie Anne Bowsar for her hainoswe abhomination of frequente and vile adulterie as well evidentlie knowen <br/>by> her owne confession in writinge and worde of mouthe and the conceavinge and <br/>beringe> of one basterde childe begotten by a base vile v...ordie adulteror / as also upon examination and due upright inquisation provid testified and recordid by one acte of parliament statuted onely to illegimate the said basterd

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise indicated translated texts are taken from the printed volume in which they appear.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The *Calendar* does not include a full transcription of the original letter in French. All that is printed in the volume is reproduced here.

and bye an other solepnized perfecte Judgement in the encclesiasticall Lawes for the Divorse of the said Ladie Anne / It maye please your highnes of your abundante grace to have in ponderinge and consideracion the state of your servante ffirst howe conveniente and reuisite it were for the honore of god to be entreased and angraveted in your said servaunte in whom as in all other his childern he requirethe a pure and undefiled liffe and for the succession and maintenaunce of the blood and name of your said servaunte wheareof at this presente nowe is in live of any proximitee in that your said servante might have the godlie remedye of mariage bothe to the highe pleasure of god the tenderinge and performance where your servaunte moste [busane] sekethe Anne to the [...] your servante whilest he livethe might have sende naturalle comforte of his succession / And after his dethe your grace might have one of his name and estate to serve your highenes with like humblenesse and hortines in service / nexte to this that your majestie of your excellent gentille grace and favor wille witsave to understande that the kinges highnessse your moste prudent and godlie father worthieste of fame and memorie / Partlie upon a lowlie sute made to his grace by your servante not Longe before his departure and apon his pettiefulle consideracion of your servantes estate made so unfortunate by the unsatiable adulterie of the said Layde, But most of all upon his highe proudente consideracion that if she sholde againe be joyned in mariage with him her manyfolde vile adulteries alredie committid and consequentlie the contamination therein sholde decaye your servauntes honour whose deservation your said servante in his soveraigne Lordes [soerms] Dailie desailithe <desarethe> and that his <her>Longe fastrated obstinatie, not withstandinge sondrie har dissimulations / hadalienated altered yea uprooted all inclinacion of your servantes favor without thexpectacion of any motion towarde her againe / Was purposed intended and gracifelye promised bothe for the consederacions above said and diverse mane other to depute appointe and ordaine by his highnes comission diverse godlye lerned man to deride debate and sufficiently in charitie determine whether your said servante upon all and everie the circumstances of his onely particular cause the maner state forme qualite and condition of bothe the particular parties onelie pondered and considered / without determination of any generall cause / might from without the offence of god for thadvoydinge of unlawefull lyve whearaunto all fleshe as prove and the procreation of childerne which he necessarelye require the take to his wiffe in the liffe of the said Lady thadventeresse anye other Ladie or gentilwoman unmaried and lefull to take husbande / And for as miche as it pleased almightie god by the misterie of his wisdome after the gloriose godlye and famose artes of owr soveraigne Lorde and Kinge your highnes dere beloved father marveloselye by fame in truthe dispersed, to call his hignes to the participacion of his eternall glorie whearebye the in tente and graciose purpose of the same Kinge in this your servants cawse toke no further procedinge but onlye to will and minde the remedie of your servante the knowledge whearof remanethe in sondre honorable and moste faithfull cownsellors and personages nowe of your gracees honorable cownsell your said most humble servante further suppliethe and besechethe your excellente grace in the consideracion of all the promisses and for thaccomplishinge of your dere werdie beloved father Kinge henry theightes gracius r[..]eld perpose and erneste intente towardes this your servantes cawse that in likeswise your grace will as in honor and royall dignite succede your hignesse father so also in charitable favour and honorable benifettinge your servante havinge greate nede of the same and grawnte your highnesse lettres of commission to siche nombre of persons lerned in the lawe and worde of god as your hignesse by advise of your honorable cownsell shall thinke meate for thexamination debatinge and decidinge of the your servants onlye one particular private cuase then therebye authorisinge after hearinge of the parties and delayberatenge debatinge of the whole wyll [... ...]itnelye to determine whate the law of god will and permitteth [... ...] and the same to certifie your highnes in suche wise as your Majestie followinge the trewe pathe and example of your moste noble father allowed by the favor whole wisdome fame and consente of all Christendome maye provide for your moste humble subjecte and

servante soche resonable redresse and godlye remedie as the will of god declared by his moste holie worde requirethe of whome your highenes shall undoubtedly receyve <afterall> rewarde / for the wise and longe preservacion of your highenesse in his fame and service emongethe us your humble and naturall subjectes your servante shall nene casse to praye.

# 14. PC2/2 f. 273, Commission to investigate the marriage of William Parr and Elisabeth Cobham, 31 January 1548

... Uppon sundry informacions brought to the lord Protectors gr[ace] and counsail that the L. Marques of Northampton hi[s] first wif living had maried one named mistres Elisabeth Cobham which informacions were so set forthe and aggreved as being the thing straunge [...] and against the lawe ... The same Marques was commanded this daye to present them him selfe before their grace and lordships being assembled in counsele at Somerset place besides the strand And after the thing by them objected to him and by him confessed to be doon accordingly excusing nevertheles the fact for that as the said the same shod with the word of god his first wif being proved an adulteresse / when in any wordes and argumentes had bene cuntroverted on the behalfe of their grace and lordships and of the same Marquess. ...

### 15. CSP Span. 1547-1549, 254, VdD to CV, 23 February 1548

The two Italians are preaching, one in Latin at the University of Oxford, and the other, Friar Bernardin, in Italian in this city of London. As this Friar Bernardin had already gained renown in Italy by his preaching all the Italians resident here have been anxious to hear him. But those who had already heard him preach in Italy say that he has lost all the grace and eloquence that he formerly possessed, and they recognise that God has deprived him of his gifts now that he has begun to misuse them. He thus grows daily less and less esteemed, and I sincerely hope that at last he will have no auditors at all, unless it be the Duchess of Suffolk and the Marquis of Northampton the brother of the Queen Dowager. With regard to the said Marquis I have been told in strict confidence that by means of his sister the Queen and of the Duchess of Suffolk [Parr] recently took for his wife the daughter of the Deputy of Calais, and that eight or nine days afterwards he was obliged by the command of the Council to put her away and never speak to her again on pain of death, in consequence of his having already a wife living, although he has long since been separated from her. He is only spoken of secretly and does not show himself at Court, although during this Lent there are here many pastimes.

# 18. CSP Span. 1550-1552, 110, JS to CV, 17 June 1550 [original in French and ciphered]

My Lord the Vidame's banquet was a brave and rich sight. Many lords of the Council and noblemen were present; among others the Duke of Somerset, once Protector, and the Marquess of Northampton. All those who were present show great respect to the said Somerset. He seems to have recovered his health and to be reinstated in honour and preeminence. He showed me a good countenance and received me well; and enquired after your Majesty's health and your recent departure. My Lord Paget was not present, nor Warwick either, because of his indisposition, which they say prevents him from going often to the Council. The said Northampton's Marchioness received at table a present from the Vidame, an enamelled chain worth about two hundred crowns. All the other ladies present, and the three daughters of the said Somerset, one of whom was the bride, received a present, each one according to her station. My Lord the Vidame took part in a masque, with fifteen or sixteen of the first noblemen, several being dressed in gold and silver cloth. The Duke of Suffolk was among them, dressed up as a nun. There were games too, such as fireworks and throwing dolls. The whole entertainment is said to have cost him three or

four thousand crowns. The other foreigners were not present at the banquet. It was said that they were attending some entertainment out of town, and that my Lord the Vidame was displeased because the King had shown so much favour to M. de Chatillon. The Vidame did not take particular notice of anyone except of the Duke of Somerset and the Marchioness. He showed himself often in their company, and talked to the said Marchioness through an interpreter, who was mostly my Lord Grey, once captain of Boulogne.

### 19. SHC S/407/Lb.559; Folger Loseley MS EPMoN to WM, [1551?]

My nedful stayt causythe me at thys tyme to desyar of you to plesuer me so muche as to lend m \* l pond, as spedely as yow kan, and you shallbe repayed at ester at the furdest, deny me not thys my request as you frynd me, and I shall not only hereby pay you but be muche thankefull <to you> for dooyng me so good and great plesur, scrybell hastely

by your frynd E Northampton.

### 20. SHC S/407/Lb.455; Folger Loseley MS, EPMoN to WM, [c.1551?]

good more as I have great caus to thanke you for the fryndshyp you have showed to this bearer my brother, so am requyared by hym to make a request to you, to show <your> forder fryndshyp *and* that hath as you have granted hym part of a house in the blake fryars, so you <wyl> frend hym so much. As that he may have the holle house <to hym selfe> and use rather at my request <and> as I shall take thys plesuer as done to my selfe thys I commend me to you as

your assured frynd E Northampton

### 29. BL Cotton Vitellius F V, ff. 15-16, The diary of Henry Machyn, 1553

The x day of [February] rod my lade Mares grasse from Saynt [John's] and thrugh Flettstrett unto the kyng at Westmynster, with a grett nombur of lords and knyghtes, and alle the [great] women lades, the duches of Suffoke and Northumberland, my lade marqwes of Northamptun, and lade marqwes of Wynchester, and the contes of Bedfford, and the contes of Shrowsbere, and the contes of Arundelle, my lade Clynton, my lade Browne and Browne [sic], and many mo lades and gentyllwomen; and at the oter gatt ther mett her my lord of Suffoke and my lord of Northumberland, my lord of Wynchester, my lord of Bedfford, and therle of Shrusbery, the therle of Arundell, my lord Chamburlayn, my lord Admerolle, and a gret nomber of knyghtes and gentyllmen, and so up unto the chambur of pressens, and ther the Kynges grace mett her and salutyd her.<sup>3</sup>

### 34. BL Royal MS 8 C XXIV, ff. 340v, 363v

Item. Warrant to deliver for the furniture of the wedding apparell of the L. Guilford sonne to the Duke of Northumberland and to the lady Janne doughter to the Duke of Suff. certaine parcelles of tissues and clothes of gold and silver of the late duke and duches of Somersete as appeareth by the same etc ... A warr. to Andrew Dudley knight to deliver to the lady Fraunces Duches of Suff. to the Duches of northumberland to the Lady Marques of North. to the Lady Jane Doughter to the Duke of Suff and the L. Guilford Dudle for wedding apparell and to the Lady Katharyne doughter to the sayd Duke of Suff. and the L. harber for wedding apparell and to the Lord hastinges and lady katharyne doughter to the Duke of Northumb. for the wedding apparell certain parcelles of stufe and juelles being [taken] the from Grenewich the xxiii of Aprill Ano Rex E. Vi vij.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See also J. G. Nichols ed., The Diary of Henry Machyn (London: Camden Society, 1848), 95.

# 48. SP 11/12 f. 47 (stamped 100), QM to Edward Waldegrave and others, 5 March 1558

By the Quene

Trusty and right welbelovid we grete you well. And wheras the late marques of Northampton made a graunte unto Elizabeth Cobham of certeyn landes which upon tatteyder of the sayd marques cam unto our handes. And ther upon we dispersed the keeping or possession of sundry parcelles ther of to certeyn of our servauntes understanding nowe that the sayd Elizabeth pretendeth some right and tytel to the same landes by order and construction of our lawes / We have thought good a wyell for determyneng of right and Justice in the cause as also for thassuraunce and indempnitie of our sayd servauntes to will and requyre <you> to call the sayde Elizabeth before you to compounde with her for assuraunce to be made unto them of their severall grauntes thus proceding from us as aforsayd; appoynteng unto her therefore such reasonable pencion as by your discrecione and consideraciones shall appere requisyte which we requyre you to do with asmuch spede as may be / And thus our lead shalbe your suffycyent warrant and descharge in this behalf. Geven under our Signet at our Palace of westminster this vth of Marche the fourth and fifthe yeres of our Regnes.

# 51. RP, I, 306-7, Count de Feria to Phillip II of Spain, 25 November 1558; a partial transcription of Archives de Simancas, Secreto de Estado, Leg. 811

Tres dias ha que determine la Reyna de embiar á Vuestra Magestad á Milord Cobam que es hijo del otro Milord Cobham que Vuestra Magestad conocio, el qual murio poco ha, no me dixeron nada hasta que me embio á dezir el Secretario Sisel que iba este y que le avian mandado que viniesse primero á darme cuenta de su ida, y assi lo hizo ayer tarde, que no es de mas sustancia que visitor á Vuestra Magestad y dale razon de lo sucedido en forma ordinaria. Este no tiene officio en casa de la Reyna, ni han tenido aqui Buena fama el y sus hermanos, pero siempre han sido servidores declarados de la nueva Reyna, y ella le quiere bien. [ ... ] Tambien me han dicho que quieren embiar otra personal al Emperador y que aun no se sabe quien sera.

# 53. SP12/7 f.31 (stamped 46), Queen Elizabeth to William Paulet, marquess of Winchester, 1 November 1559

By the Quene

Right trustie and welbiloved Cosen we grete you well; And where we have latelie [...] restored our right trustie and right welbeloved Cosen the Marquis of Northampton to his former estate / and dignitie of a marques, for the maytenaunce and supportacion wherof he remaneth destitute of / that estate of landes and lyvelyhode whiche hertofore he enioyed in the time of the regne of our dearest brother Edward the Sixt: We late yow witt that having regarde ther unto in consideracion / of thonour he is now of sones called unto./ We have resolved to alott unto him for some relief / towardes his charge certeyn landes of the <del>value</del> < > of fyve hundreth poundes by yere in forme as / herafter followeth, that is to say Two hundreth poundes of suche landes as were before tyme/ assured by him to the Ladie Marques by the name of Elizabeth Cobham dawghter to the Lord / Cobham, <now deceased> and Three hundreth poundes of suche other landes as were formerlie <br/> <before tyme> the said <lord> marquesses / in the time of myne said <dear> brother, To have hold and eniove fower hundreth poundes Wherof to-< > him and the / heires masles of his bodie lawfullie begotten, and the tyme\_One hundreth / poundes <> residence of the said ffyce hundreth poundes to him and his heires for ever. With / thissues and prffett from the feast of Michaelmas [...] < next before his vestiment to his [...] > / wherefore one pleasure is that youn receipt herof ye shall cause a boke to be made. owt, fayre / written in parchment conteyning a graunt from vs of the promisses and addresse / the same vnto us / vnder your handes, to thintent we may procede to the signature therof for thassurance of it to our / said Cosen accordinglie And thes our lettres shalbe your sufficient warrant and distharge in / this behalf. Yeven vnder our Signet at our Palace of westminster the ffirst day of / Novembre in the first yere of our Reyne.<sup>4</sup>

# 66. SP70/38 f. 262 (stamped 219), Thomas Chaloner to Elisabeth Parr, Marchioness of Northampton, 26 June 1562

I do confesse my self Madame muche blame wourthie for that I of all this while I have written nothing unto you. Nowe when I wourst may, being syke of an Ague Terciand I shall pray youwre Ladiship to accepte theis rude lynes in good parte. Considering howe the last lettres that I received from my brother Frauncis Chaloner declaring amongst other matters what honorable demonstracion it pleased your Ladiship to make of your good opinion of me / hathe moved me of duety to yeld you my bounden thankes for the same -I do perceive that my said brother upon alitle score that I gave him to fele thinclynacion of a certayne gentilwoman now I here saye alady, in acertaine case nat unknowen to yow, and therefore nat repeted here, went further as apperithe then either needid or I ment until I saw some more likelyhode of Speding, I am offended with myn my brother for the rashe handlyng of it vnless perchance there is no cause for me to thinke But ye revealing of it came to passe as comenly al secretes do that fall into womens custodye namely of that qualitie, where in connseil from one to an other of the Connseilleresses at last some oone or other telles tales owte of the Counseil chambre with alwayes apece more putt to - So I dowbte nat but my sute hathe been well flamed - And sorye I am that herein this Treeles Cuntrey I can gett no green wyllow to make me a garland of. But in stede thereof In advance the xiith of Maye last as your brother mister henry Cobbhame at his retorne canne tell you for I told it him and wrote it in aboke ymmeadiatly, I did almost divine afore the lettres came what the event shuld be. For me thought I sawe the partye going from the privey Chamber towardes the Chapell very fayre trymmed with a grete nomber of ladies following her. And that I also was very trymme appareled but all in Tawnye, and that Sir Jacquez branado and oone or two more of my frendes now dead told me that they never sawe garmentes better become me, where at I rejoysed and thought nomore of her that rehent-<went> to churche. This dreame I write for that it was so notable, and write it to you Madame to thende ye maye See howe well my tawnye garmentes pleassed me / and now to tell you my fantasie in all suche woiong cases perchaunce I have more often refused, then been be refused and being refused I comit my haalfpeny never the wourse Silver for womens lykinges as mens also or but private to them selfes where xxtie to oone perchaunce wold nat chose the like. So god spede the plowghe and send the likers lyking vii yeres hence. your brother I thinke will make homewardes abowte thend of September nexte his company hathe been to me a grette good passing of my tyme. I wold to god it wold please the Quenis Majestie to sette some churche man to this office so as I were at whome to wowe for my self ere ever my berd waxe graye for then fayre women that ar younge will but have awaye the old man / as be like the last I sued to did thincke of me thoughe therewas no cawse but that I might also <might> thinke she was no gyrle, but this lettre is to longe all of tryfles So good Madame withe my humblest comendacions to your Ladiship and by you to my very good .L. my L. marques my L. Cobbhame and my Lady his wife, I wishe vnto yowe in honor all good fortune and well to fare from Madrid the xxvith of June 1562.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The ammendments made in the hand of Sir William Cecil as insertions at this time mostly unreadable.

# 68. SP 70/40 f. 91 (stamped 83), William Brooke, Lord Cobham to Thomas Chaloner, 7 August 1562

Sir. Understanding by my brother henry; How great courteousnes and frendshipp he hath and doth receave there dalye not only at your handes; but also through your meanes diviers atherwayes. I geve yow moost hartlie thankes for it. Praing yow to contynuence the same towards him the rather for my sake. And if I may with the like pleasure yow here or ani of yore frendes: ye shall allwayes find me redy. So to that ende, upon occasion, ye may be bold temploye mee thus with my very harty commendacionss I bidd yow fare Well From Grenewich this viith of August 1562.

Yowr lovyng frynde W. Cobham

# 69. SP 70/40 f. 92 (stamped 84), Elisabeth Parr, marchioness of Northampton to Thomas Chaloner, 7 August 1562

Master Chellyner I do vnderstande by my brother how much he is be holldyng to you, ther for I can not but as some show and part of thankfulnes send you my thankes by thes lynes of my vnlegebell hand, as one that wyshyng I could make sume requytans for the great fryndshyp my goodly brother harry hathe founde in you, whych beynge showeyd in asstrange land ys more worthy thankes than in a nother plase, and as I do exsept this done to my brother, as done to my selfe, so shall I requyt, and be as thankfull for yt as your doyngs merretyng. Thys requestyng you to bear with thys vnlegebyll lynys wrytten in hast by caus the ar wrytten by

your assured frynd E Northampton

# 71. SP 70/40 ff. 215-8 (stamped 190-193), Thomas Chaloner to Elisabeth Parr, marchioness of Northampton, 20 August 1562 [draft]

after my humblest commendacions [ ... ] Good madame <> where by the last Lettre which connote of thankes in the <last> packett sent me by my servaunt I found <reseivid> a lettre to me- wrytten with your Ladishippes owne hand conteyning matters of thankes for that which in respect of my bond of duety towardes your honour I cannot but <my> duetye and <of> the good will <that alwayes> I have alwayes borne to Master henry Cobbham your brother nomore but offere of Friendship and benevolence of oon freende to my other, Although the sent lettre served but as the spurre to a runnyng horse, yet it was in an other respect a singular <great> comefort unto me, in theis solytary partes so farre removid from that swete natyve <my> <owne> <that feyre peece of grounde> cuntrey, that which now can rightly provve which < that > hath nat comparid others with it, to be visited with so curteyes a letter from suche a Ladyes hand, to whome <which>-therefore though I can be nomore hers than already I am of services I am, yet by suche new accesse <in affection> for remembrance and exempla of howmuch I ambownden to the same I will kepe and rede as of it <amonges my deerest> papers I wotte nat which wayes I may shifte my self home so shortly is well I made attempt I might, in case oon who I ment to have said unto wold <[...] > have lyked so my [s...] <self> is I have full for my revocation / Now unlesse the King or prince of Spayne resort then shortleye unto Flaunders I am lyke to remayne here for wright and fashon sing few well take pity of a wyvl wyvelesse wanderer / But if it be well wayd how my case standeth, it might rather to be considered the more and grate of revocation the sooner graunted and Seeng my yeres now ar suche as having no chyld to [duher] lie that lyving god hath sent me, it were tyme for me now to widde and lose no more tyme where on thother part my next brothers children ar nat such as he or I make grete accompt upon / And Then againe my growndes which I lett for rentto others If I sorld the same with stockes of cattall of myne owne I dare well affirme wold yeld me ffyve hundred markes  $\{\ldots\}$  a yere more then now I receive so  $\{\ldots\}$ <which is a grete > losse to me, bothe to wont the formacion of my cuntrey, ffreendes, and deerest pleasures of lyfe <lyffe>, and also any tyme <to [...]> here by <suche> charges suches dettes as will kepe me back for a grete tyme ere ever I canne againe before hands to <br/>be hable> store my growndes So that to conclude I wotte nat what hope shuld her entertayne my drery tale of this kynde of exile / save only that I < my liege bondes > trust of lieges duety towardes the Queenes Majestie whose receptacion of my servyce and good will may recompense all discomodities aslong as by my [,...] <my soedy> revocation here I may prove it home the frutes of her Majesties favour for recompense <towardes rewardes of so manye yeres servyce this being the <wherein > which tyme of my such my (Madame) I trust I shall nat want your good furtherance that my dayes of abode here may be shortened / So as those viij monethes that I spent last in Flanders may be accompted for parcell of their here in spayne / Comending this-<In Spayne> <where> every monthe here spent is lenger then a yere in an other place / god knoweth whether I speke as I think / The rest your brother at his retourne shall better declare unto you then So wishing in honour all thinges prosperous to your good d[...] lynes can enlarge Ladyship I make my ende from Madrid the xxth of August 1562.

# 76. SP70/41 f.184 (stamped 178), Anne Throckmorton to Nicholas Throckmorton, 20 September 1562

... I trust you wilbe at home longe ere your to take order your self in your behalf / I have had muche ado here to gett this harere master Smythe forwarde, and yet I beleeve his abode shall not be longe thare / ffor wee doe send from hence out of handes xvj hundred men / And there is like to goe a greate juieany moe shortly ye same way yt is to saye into France / I pray you make as great speede home as you may, for I feare this wilbe some Dawnger to you/ We have none other newes heere, but the good amendement of my Lady Marques, who was given over by the physicians / having a continual burning fever, and ye Jawndyse withall / Burcotte hathe brought her to this passe she is at, which is as he saythe paste all Downger / but I doe not thinke so ffor she is yet verrey fowle of the Jawndise and her legges swelles verrey muche / But I truste to in god that it will amend hereafter, as it hathe begoonne/The Queenes majestie is removed to Hampton court and hathe lefte her at Greenewiche, whyther I intend to goe, as sone as I have gotten master Smythe out of the Towne, and thare to remaine ij or iij daies, and then to goe to hampton Court/ ffor so the Queene required me, and I shall have a lodgyng there/I praye you if you come to Parris, to buye me a cowple of partlettes and sleeves to it, of this same fine knytte threades of sundry workes / but one partlett and one paire of sleeves to be of one woorke / I doe meane to gyve them to ye Queene for her newyeres gifte, and my lytle wrought coffer withall, which you knowe, if she please me well towching you, when you come home/ ...

# 78. SP 70/42 f. 208 Thomas Chaloner to William Brooke, Lord Cobham, 14 October 1562

My very good Lord. Your late lettre of thankes for my usage of your brother Mr Henry Cobham was no more but a token of your good will and demonstracion how gratefully a noble mynde cann accepte every small endevour of a poore frend. Though my power be small this I pray your.L. taccompt that in good will to your howse and bludde I will geve place to none As I trust your .L. by former proofe knoweth./ When other respectes then mere good will and bounden affection cam not in place to allure me./ Now that your Lordshippes frendship and my Ladie Marques your Syster may stande me in steede I were thrise madde yf I wold not crave the continuance of the good will and opinion it pleaseth yow to have me in./ And to require yow both to helpe forwarde my request which in my letter written presentlie to her honore I have experssed at large. It hath ben my chance two or three tymes by meanes of their services abrode to lose my marrige adventures at homes.

As of late it hath fallen furth by your Lordshippes cuntrey woman the mother now of so many children the furst day./ I desired your brother henry notwithstanding that he returneth clad in greene to were abowt his hatt a garlande of greene willowe and an other abowte his arme for me./ But he sayeth he can not sighe for that he never had, no more cann I./ And yet for good will ones ment can no lesse then continew it still as a frende that wissheth all contentacion and good adventure yf it lyke her so to thinke of me, howsoever others told her I wold be so crabbed an husbande. But I trust my next wyef shall aunswer for me that I was slawndered wrongfully. I long sore to be at home./ This countrey as your .L. knoweth is not the pleasantest. then agayne myne absence from home at this present puttes me to extreme hinderaunce. I shall crave of your .L. the ayde ye may further for my revocacion. And so for this present wth my duest commendacions to the same and my good ladie Cobbham I make an ende committing yow both to god and good fortune. From Madryd the xiiijth of October 1562.

# 79. BL Additional MS 35831 ff. 82-4, Thomas Chaloner to Elisabeth Parr, marchioness of Northampton, 14 October 1562 [draft]

Good Madame' it is dayly said that an yll newes paineth < sooner > sooner then a good / What greif the reaport hither written of your dangerous sycknes did minister here to me and Master Henry Cobbham your brother I shall nat nede to enlarge'/ I mourned for the losse of so good a lady and freend / he with feares and extreme passions cryed owte on his hard fortune to be prived of so dear and wourthily beloved Saster whose <supposed> funerals with feares I assure yow Madame he did celebrate with teares at large / But after all this Sorowe, when the next lettres brought us better tydinges, It needeth nat to recite our thanks to god and gladness naturall <congratulations> whereapon by myne he thought mete to putt hym self in [y...] order to retourne, and see I trust with his eyes your desyred [amendences], which after by his lettres I loke he will participate vnto me that I may rejoyse the more fully Now / <as> for this tyme that he hath here taken pacience and borne his crosse in my company, if he hath nat formed his thoughts here to hiscountenances, ep-as <as might> have fallen further in any other cuntrey then Spayne, I trust it hath wrought this good vnto hym by tryall of hardness to know thee better what pleaseth of some is wourthie, for my part if in respect of the vowed good will that I have always borne towards your ladyship I could have declared extended farther, I wold have been and wilbe glad at all tymes to shew so muche I am yours / Requiryng the same for that special confidence that < which > I putt in your freendship at nedes to help with your good wourd that I may have leave to name howe this next Spring to putt order in my disordered things as howe which by the death of my brother Thomas [fformesh] to whome I committed those order thereof in myne absence is as left utterly at large, to myne undoing, if the Quenes Maiestie do nat graciously so consider it as I may be dispared withall to retorne for a tyme to putt a staye in my things at leeste for a two or three monthes to putt a staye in my thinges / come easter next it shall just a yere and a haulf sins i last departed fourth of Ingland whereunto adding other vx monethes resumed in flanders, it is <willbe> two yeres and a haulf-the tyme spent in this Servyce <last> putt servyce <We ambassades> besides so many veres spent in former services as of very reason considering my case as it standith her highness ought to take o <graunte me> leave to retourne aswell to take a wife for children as to <pay my dettes and > sore my groundes and <which > p-to my grete losse for want of money afore hand, confirmed [...] in service of the prince, I am fayne to leve unfurnished / the damages whereof I do hath-been greater to me, then More Iloke that any <a greate > reward will recompense But of their matters it were such [silines] here to entreate further / moste humbly recommending my self and my case to your honores friendship, beseeching the same to meke my derest commendations and excuses to my good Lord Marquis / And wishing to your brother all glad and good things, for me with eyes to see and reioyse at home / From Madrid the xiiii of October 1562

# 83. SP 70/47 f.75 (stamped 76), Thomas Chaloner to Henry Cobham, 20 December 1562

Sir albeit for aunswer of <to> yor lettre of the xxviijth of october last which as apperith ye wrote sumwhat movid wth myne unkyndness (as ye <thet> worried) I then wrote vnto yow the lettre enclosed to crave yow tunderstand my juste excuse So <yet> having sithens percevid < by yor lettre of the xth of November belonging to > (as I allwayes conceived of yor good nature) that yor said lettre proceded but of a freendly franknes as freendes ought eache to use to others, that I have thought mete now with my herty commendacions nat only to send yow the <my> former lettre (which hitherto for fault of a sure Messenger I did retayne) but also this present for a witnes of my freendly disposicion alwayes constant affer oon sort vnto yo wourdes. Assurring yow that my <the> reasons alleged in myne excuses ar true and nat coulored / And where you then concevid nat so well of my good will who pressed yow to haste home, and take the See passage, I trust by this time your owne experiences hath towght yow to confesse my foresight more then yor owne / For if yow had goone with Almeda yow had been well dressed whose Mr dyed dae ever he arrivid, and nowe as I here saye resideth himself in ti oblie / And on thother part the late narowe skape of my lady your Suster and in the [neck] therof of the Quenes Majestie <passed last dangerous sycknes> whose lief is the Raye of all our fuetues, may now at last enduce yow to redite an old beaten freend who counseilled yow to plye the market whiles it lastid. But thus muche for this suffisith / I hertily praye yow to make my duest comendacions to my lord and lady Marquesse and to my lord and lady Cobbham, and to all the rest of your brethren, and Mr Kiligrew who which I am sory for as I vnderstand hath broken his arme. If it please yow to write vnto me I woll acquite it every letter with an other. Thus at all tymes fare ye well. From Madred the xxth of December 1562.

### 84. RP, III, MCXIX, 630, Secret note by Christopher D'Assonleville, 23 May 1563

...[Bertie] est homme fort astuce, fin, double, avare et malicieux s'il y en a point un au monde. ...Mesmement a voit tel, crédit que c'est luy qui a imposé ainsi à l'ambassadeur de Suède a l'induction de millord Robert et qui a faict plussieres practivyes pleines de malices pour divertir ledit Roy de ce mariaige d'Angleterre, après que les despenses ont esté faictes.... la marquise de Nortanton, première dame d'honneur de la Royne aussi femme astuce.... Et fit-on samblant de chercer après luy en sa maison, et cependent estoit en Court en la chambre de ladicte marquise. Et l'a-on faict sortire du pays, non-seullement par congrié, mais aussi on lui a donné une licence de XV<sup>c</sup> libvres. Ledict secrétaire s'en est allé comme désespéré, voyant que l'on avoit esté circumvenu, disant tous les maulx du monde de ces gens. Qui plus est, quant un nommé le docteur Martin, médecin, son beau-frère, le faisoit chercer et demandoit en court d'arrest ses biens pour le droit de son crime, le duc de Nortfolck et le marquis de Nortanton, qui sont du Conseil privé, lui deffendirent de le faire, et, sur ce que l'aultre réplicqua qu'il estoit fugitif, luy fut respondu que non et possible qu'il alloit par delà pour le service de la Royne et qu'il n'en dit mot. ...

# 86. SP 70/70 f. 9 (stamped 5), Queen Elizabeth to Margaret, duchess of Parma, 4 April 1564<sup>5</sup>

Treshaulte et tresexcellente Princesse. Treschere et tresaimée cousine affectueusement a vous nous recommendons. Combien que ne sommes ignorante de l'honnorable consideration et esgard que par vostre naturelle inclination avez envers chacune personne selon sa qualite et degré, et que ne doubtons poinct que si nostre treschere cousine la Marquise de Northampton dame digne pour plusieme respectes d'estre aymér qui avec nostre licence se transporte en ce pays bas, auroit occasion vouc requerir de vostre faveur,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> I believe this is a working draft in the hand of Roger Ascham. A revised version is printed as Printed in RP, IV, MCCLXX, 4-5.

elle ne la trouveroit preste: Toutesfois d'autant que sa personne et mesmore la cause de son voyage vous sont incogneues. Il nous a semble bon vous advertir [......] <par ces partes que pour lavoire des long temps congneue pour tresont [vertueuse dame] nouse layons estimee digne de nostre singuliere amour et faveur et la tenir en premier rang entre autres dames et> nous nous reputerons pour tant plus tenue avous, si oultre la faveur dont vous usez envers personnaiges de sa qualite et degree. Vueillez pour l'amour de nous [....], avoir durant le temps qu'elle se trouvera par dela, tant sa personne que tous ceulx qui seront de sa suite en vostre protection especialle. La vraye cause de sone aller pardela s'est fondée sure une opinion qu'elle a conceue de ne se pouvoir jamais guerir d'une griefve et longue maladie qui de longue main luy est venue dans une de ses mammelles, en aultre lieu qu'en ces pays la. Et combien que ne vouldrions (ayant consideration tant de sa qualite que de la foiblesse de sa personne) qu'elle se deust absenter de nostre presence et se hazarder en si long et dur voyage, comme est le passage de la mer, et que ayons use de toutes le persuasione a nous possible pour la destourner de son opinion et desir, et mesmes envoye pardela pour gens expers en medicine qui la pourroient guerir: Toutteffois elle persiste tellement en sadicte opinion, que a la fin nous, vaineue par sa continuelle instance a nous faicte, avons este contente deluy consentir sondict desir et donner nostre licence de se transporter jusques la, En soublaitant qu'elle y puist recevoir autant de confort et bien au guerissement de sa maladie, comme elle espere d'y trouver / Et pour ce que jusques a ce qu'elle se trouvera pardela l'on ne scait en quelle ville ou lieu ses medicins luy conseilleront de resider: Nous vous prions affectueusement (treschere et tresaymee Cousine) que la vuelliez avour tellement pour recommendee, que en quelque lieu ou elle fera sa demeure, elle y puist, avecques sa commodite, trouver faveur et bon et honneste traitement. En quoy nous ferez tresgrand plaisir que voulous tresvoluntiers recognoistre quand occasion se presentera Comme scait le Createur auquel. (treshaulte et tresexcellente Princesse treschere et tresamée cousine) prions quil vous ait toujiours en sa tresdigne et saincte garde. Escript a nostre chasteau de Wyndsor le quartriesme jour D'avril 1564

### 87. SP 12/33 [f. 61] (stamped 128), WBLC to WC, 12 April 1564

We aryvyd heare on wensdaye Laste, wher by the way they depvtye of [our natyon] dyde myet my Ladye marquys accompenyd with thoes ffew marchayntes that wer heare. Then cam also a nomber of Italianes of owr aquaynttaynnes with dyvers others to bryng us into they toone. Seynces owr beying heare my Ladye marquys has hade the phecytyanes and Sorgeynes with herre of thys town, as yet they agre not of the curyng of her breste. With yn thyes too dayes, they wyll delver up ther opiniones in wrytyng et modum curandi.

#### 88. SP 12/33 [f. ?] (stamped 140), WBLC to WC, 22 April 1564

Now of latte wheyne verye commplynttes be mayde at brusselles they Lordes mack small accomte of yt, wyllyng theym, that yf they lesse let theym trafficke no more / wyche ys done to this effect to aggravate they pepell[es] myndes ageynste us, that wheyn tyme shayll sarve they maye fynde them redye for ther purpose,/ so that now they Inglysshe name begynes to be odios unto theym, whyche was wont to be in most honor / now whether yt be necessarye that marchaynttes causys a shaylte amonge them [...] be endyd [so] for oone member of they common welthe to towche they halle be ye, I leave yt to yow to Juge.

### 91. CP3/38, 296, Henry Cobham to Thomas Middleton, 11 May 1564

Thomas midleton wheresoby <my> Ladis Commaundement yow write to me that she perceves by my letters that I have made a graunt to my L. of Lowghborow, perhaps she was weke and could not take paynes to rede it, and her reder did make a lye of my letter and ment to doo me no good, for in dede I did write no sutch matter, nor I have made no sutch compacte as my lord yr master can tell, and where yow make a longe discourse for my ladis [parfitte], no man had or shall have more respecte for her than I, but perhaps they

may have more care to there private commodities then I have had. I am plesed the should have so I [rather] I praye design my lady that she will not be so sorofull that my L. Cobham shoolde receve so much losse by the sorjaune, I woolde be sory that may be my meanes his L. should have disavauntage in the parke. As for the purchasinge of the lande I have used yet, no bodis named mee will i medle any furder in yt, and where she saith that she toulde me that I was enformed by her where I might borowe money for yt purpose, her saving to me was that she woolde [gonge] the packe to whome I nede not write./ let not my lady be sory that I have delte so in <her> busines, but I have cause to crye ovte to her that she useth me so unjustly and if she dye I may save that she hath doonne no body worse but me, and that [God] end my dayes a fore hers if any sai the wordle hath loved her better then I and hath had a more earnest will to please her, my ladis inconstancy to me hath disproved the common proverb of women, I was of opinion that nothing covlde have made her lesse to have loved me and being in extremitie to write un to me in this sort. Furder where write yow wryte that if I had soulde the woodd well, (you make me woold to writte to me of a whooddly sale, I think I shallbe persuaded the to that I have never knowne;) she shoulde have had to a paide her dettes, and have have a bowrroed money to have purchased the londe, exe if as she should purchesse yt for me, I woulde she thouwght better of my for she gave me any thinge / yow say that there as <is> no ale camme thether I sent of late a tonne of ale by Aryan Capell shipper of andwarpe my lady yow sayd is discontented that she had so mutch bere sent, the coste of the carriage was more then they profitted she might have had lesse if it had pleased <her>; but if she ment <for> that lord went with hers, I have taken order that frauncis barthe garsias shall <pay> fourtye shillings, by this you can testifye with me that my lady useth me not so nor meneth not to dooe for me, as men saye, and the woordle thinkth, My lady forgettes that which I doo, is for love as a brother, and not bounden by duety as a Servant As for anthony I send a letter to him if he deny it, I am able to prove it / Iff my lady your mistriss caused yow to write that letter of the vth of maye then yow may shoe her this my answer, <kepe> yow this my letter for I keep yours to show againe when time shall serve from London the xith of maye 1564 Henry Cobham

94. RP, IV, MCCC, 58-61, Guzman de Silva to Margaret, duchess of Parma, 17 July 1564; a transcription of Archives de Simancas, Secret. De Estado. Leg. 817, fol. 60

...La marquesa de Noranton es tan faborida de la Reyna, como V. A. sabe, y hame tanto encarescido la Reyna esto, que me ha obligando a visitarla, y assi lo he hecho, de que ha mostrado gran contentamiento: yo le dixe quanto le avia pesado a V. A. de que no uviese traydo entera salud de esa tierra, y de qu uviese estado tan poco que no se le uviese podido hazer mucho regalo, como V. A. avia deseado: ella muestra tanto agradecimiento del que V. A. le mando hazer, que se alaba mucho dello. Tambien me ha dicho que la Reyna escrivio a V. A. pour un cirujano. Toda la merced que se hiziere a la Marquesa merece su persona, y la Reyna lo estimara, en lo que es razon. Estando acavando de escrevir esta mañana con el hordinario, rescebi las de V. A. de xij del presente, y grandissima merced con ellas, porque con lo que se deve endereçar, con tan Buena resolucion y advertencia: espero que los negocios han de tener muy buen expidiente, y assi se procurara, guardando la horden que V. A. manda. ...

95. RP, IV, MCCCVI, 67-72, Guzman de Silva to Margaret, duchess of Parma, 31 July 1564; a transcription of Archives de Simancas, Secret. De Estado. Leg. 817, f. 64 ... La marquesa de Noranton me embio, dos dias ha, un solo grande bivo, que en esta tierra es cosa nueva porque no se toman en ella sino raras vezes. Yo le embie a la Reyna con que holgo mucho, y, con el que le embie, me embio a mandar que fuese oy adonde esta, y assi no escrivo cosa particular a Su Magestad. V. A., si uviere correo, mandara avisar de lo que paresciere.

# 96. RP, IV, MCCCXXIII, 110-113, Guzman de Silva to Margaret, duchess of Parma, 23 September 1564; a partial transcription of Archives de Simancas, Secreto de Estado. Leg. 817, f. 104

...La marques de Noranthon es muy favorida de esta Reyna, como V. A. sabe; yo he procurado grangear las voluntades de sus privados para tener mas ganada la de su ama, para que los negocios tengan major expediente: es persona de gran entendimiento y de quien la Reyna haze tanto caudal que entre Robert y ella no faltan algunas coxquilles, aungue no sigue a la Reyna por so enfermedad, pero entiendo que se osa tener con el de manera que esto y otras cosas que se pueden mas considerer que referir me haze dudar algunas vezes de que el lugar de milort Roberto no sea tan desordenado como muchos publican, no siendo cosa nueva oyr mal los principles, aun sin dar occasion.

Antes que viniesse esta Reyna, fui a visitor a la Marquesa, y me dixo despiendome della que tenia un negocio de importancia que hablarme, que quedaria para otro dia, y, por la buelta aqui de la Reyna, lo diferi por seis o siete dias, y assi a los xx deste, embie a saber de la indispusicion de la marquesa y si podria visitarla aquella tarde: embiome a dezir que rescribiria much contamiento dello, y fui por el agua a Usmestre adonde posa y halle a esta Reyna que desde la casa de San-Jaymes que ellos llaman, se avia pasado a comer con ella casi sola, y estava alli quando embie a saber de la Marquesa, como despues entendi, y quisieron hazerme esta burla, teniendo secreto hasta que yo me vi con la Reyna de que ella rio mucho. Estuvo casi hasta la noche alli la Marquesa en su Camilla y la Reyna cabe ella. Lo mas que alli se trato, fueron euentos que la Reyna dixo y conversacion ordinaria, y siempre entremetiendo en platica algunos apuntamientos de casamiento pero leves; yo le dixe que hazia mal en traer subspenso el mundo, que se determinase. Riose y dixome que tenie que hablarme en nuestros negocios, y a la noche se bolvio a St-Jaymes, pore el parquet a pie, aunque le tenien alli en coche. Llevome assi en rato diziendome que un loco simple que yva alli le aconsejava siempre que no se casase en Alemaña, porque era malos hombres, y no me hablo en otro negocio; mandome tornar porque bolviese por agua como avia venido. Luego otra dia me embio a dezir un secretario del Thresorero, que es catholico con otro su amigo y uno Ingles que tambien lo es, que la Marquesa le avia dicho que me dixese que ella avia passado con la Reyna algunas platica sobre material de casamiento y que, si yo le apuntase a hablar a la Reyna del Archiduque Carlos, que la parescia que era buena sazon, pidiendole me lo avisase con persona de quien el se fiase much, dandome harta esperança, pero que era material que se devia tartar con gran secreto. Yo le respondi que tenia en mucho su aviso, mas que avia entendido que esto se avia tratado muy de versa, y que no se havia effectuado por falta de la Reyna y començado y dexado, y que, aunque yo uviera de hablar o intentar esto por algun medio, que no lo hiziera sin primero tener entendida alguna certenidad, pues movorse platica dexada sin gran fundamento parescia mucha incosideracion mia, especialmente sin orden, ni saber en que estado tiene Carlos su negocio. Paresciome advertir luego a Vuestre Alteza desto assi para que sepa lo que passa porque concierta con lo que tengo escrito en este particular en la mia ultima en que he tratado de la vista que esta Reyna quiere hazer al Emperador, y asi mismo para que, si V.A. tiene entendido algo desta material, memande avisar porque si uviese occasion, no se perdiese, o que es lo que devo hazer conforme a lo que desto entiende Su Magestad, pues antes de agora, como digo, se ha tratado.

# 107. Poematum Gualteri Haddoni, Legum Doctoris, Sparsim Collectorum, Libri Duo, ed. Thomas Hatcher (London: William Seres, 1576) sig. Kiii

In obitum dominae Elisabethae, Marchionessae Northamptiniensis

Elisabetha fuit natura jure Cobama,
Coniugis et proprio nomie Parra fuit.
Forma, pudor, pietas, facunde gratia lingue,
Ingenium, virtus, inviolata fides,
Cum gravitate lepos, cum simplicitate venustas,
Larga manus, pectus nobile, firmus amor,
Deniquibus quicquid habet natura quod addere posit,
Addere quod posit, gratia quicquid habet,
Omnia viventem Parram comitata fuerunt,
Omnia mors atrox obruit ista simul.
Obruiat ista licet tristi mors saeva sepuchro:
Attamen illorum fama superstes erst.

[On the death of Lady Elisabeth, Marchioness of Northampton<sup>6</sup>

Elisabeth was by natural right a Cobham,

She was by marriage and by her proper name a Parr.

Her figure, her modesty, her piety, the grace of her eloquent tongue,
Her charisma, her virtue, her immaculate fidelity,
Her wit matched with gravity, her comeliness with artlessness;
With always an open palm, a noble heart and steadfast love:
May whatever more could be brought to her inherent qualities
Be added by virtue of the grace she has.
All these were companions to the living Parr

Cruel death swept all these away at once.

It is possible that savage death may sweep away a sorry tomb
But the fame of those things will survive.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> My thanks to Kate Maltby for the translation.

# Appendix C: Kinship visualisations and historical moment diagrams

These diagrams are intended to be visual aids in keeping track of the complex and intertwined aristocratic and noble kinship networks that operated at the Tudor courts. Families are represented by particular colours and for continuity; individuals retain the colour of their natal family if represented in another diagram. Individuals take the colour of their dominant kin connection unless otherwise explained.

Colours are as follows:

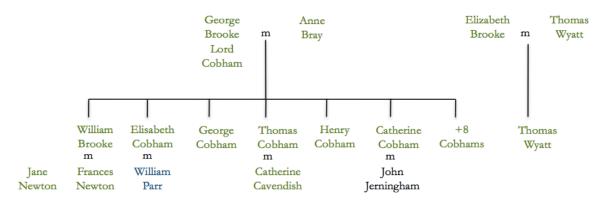
The Cobham family
The Dudley family
The Grey-Brandon family

The Parr family
The Seymour family
Royalty/Tudor bloodline

In the Wyatt Rebellion, the Cobhams and their allies are represented in green and the officers of the Queen and their kin are in red.

In the Cobham-Cavendish kinship, dotted lines represent godchild/parent bonds.

### fig. a - the Cobham family



### fig. b - the Parr family

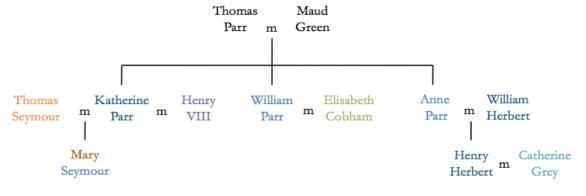


fig. c - The Dudley Family

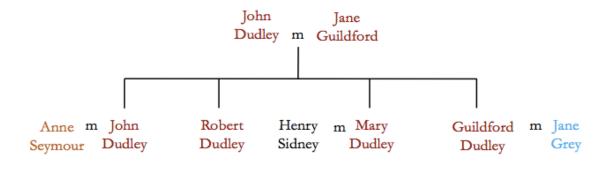


fig. d - The Seymour family

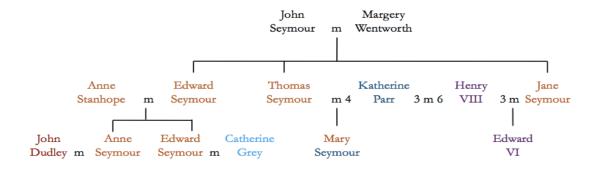
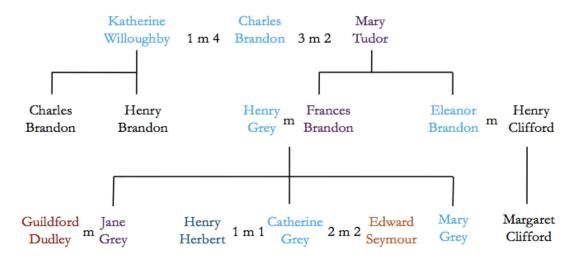
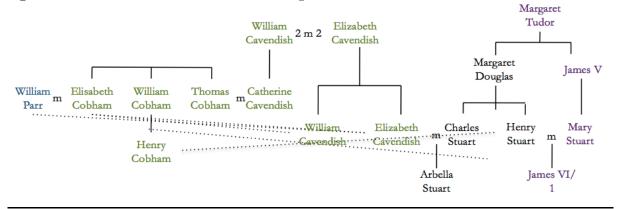


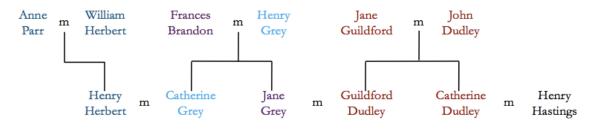
fig. e - the Grey-Brandon family



## fig. f - the Cobham-Cavendish kinship connection



## fig. g - the Whitsun Weddings



## fig. h - the Wyatt Rebellion

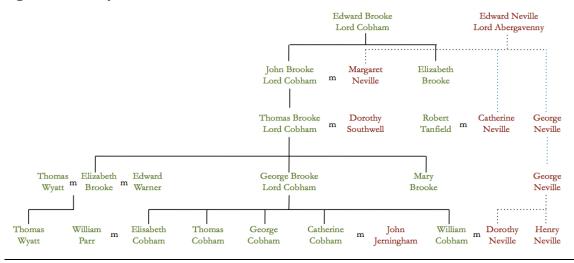
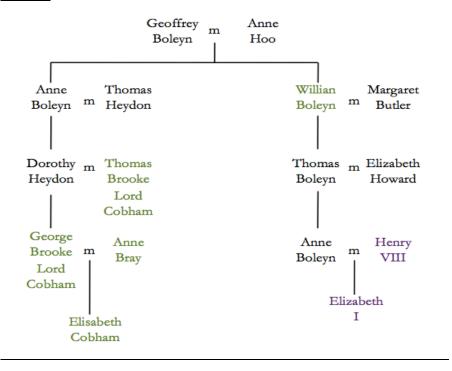


fig. i - the kinship connection between Elisabeth Parr and Elizabeth Tudor



# Appendix D: Biographies of key figures

This list is designed as a reference guide for key persons mentioned throughout this thesis. Men are listed by surname and cross-referenced by titles. Women are referenced by surname used most commonly within the thesis, be it married or maiden name, and cross-referenced by additional surnames and titles. These biographies are necessarily very brief: for additional information see individuals' entries in the ODNB.

**Ascham, Roger** (1514/15-1568) scholar, former tutor and Latin secretary to Queen Elizabeth.

Ashley, John (1507-1596) Steward and courtier to Elizabeth, married to Katherine.

**Ashley, Katherine,** *née Champernowne* (1502-1565) governess to Princess Elizabeth and later chief gentlewoman of the Queen's privy chamber.

**Bacon, Anne** *née Cooke* (c. 1528-1610) humanist scholar and tutor to Edward VI, second wife of Sir Nicholas Bacon; one of the five celebrated Cooke sisters.

Beale, Robert (1541-1601) clerk of the privy council and diplomat.

**Bertie, Francis** (?- aft. 1587) London merchant c. 1559, a contact of Elisabeth Parr and Robert Dudley, and one of Parr's agents in the Low Countries c. 1564. In 1587 Bertie was working with William Brooke, Lord Cobham and William Cecil importing salt.

**Bourchier, Anne, viscountess Bourchier, formerly Lady Parr** - adulterous first wife of William Parr, Baron Kendal and earl of Essex. Daughter of Henry Bourchier, earl of Essex, friend and confidante of Mary Tudor.

**Brandon, Charles, duke of Suffolk** (c. 1484-1545) married Henry VIII's sister Mary (his third wife), grandfather to the Grey sisters.

Brandon, Frances, see Grey, Frances.

Brandon, Katherine, duchess of Suffolk née Williaughby D'Eresby (1519-1580) Fourth wife of Charles Brandon, duke of Suffolk. Katherine had two sons by Charles Brandon who both died on the same day of the sweat in 1551. She was step-mother of Frances Brandon, marchioness of Dorset and duchess of Suffolk, so step-grandmother of Ladies Jane and Catherine Grey. Close friend of Katherine and Elisabeth Parr, and guardian of Lady Mary Seymour. Katherine was a devout Protestant who left England during Mary's reign to live in Geneva. Married Robert Bertie c. 1553 and bore him two children.

**Bray, Dorothy** later Dorothy Brydges, Lady Chandos. Elisabeth's maternal aunt, mistress of William Parr, c. 1542.

Broadbelte, Dorothy (c. 1530-aft. 1589) female courtier of Elizabeth I.

Brooke, Anne, Lady Cobham née Bray mother of Elisabeth Parr.

Brooke, Elizabeth see Lady Wyatt.

<sup>7</sup> http://global.oup.com/oxforddnb/info/.

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**Brooke, Elizabeth** (1564-1615) Daughter of William Brooke, Lord Cobham and Frances Brooke, née Newton, niece and namesake of Elisabeth Parr. She married Robert Cecil, later earl of Salisbury, son of William Cecil, Lord Burghley and Mildred née Cooke.

Brooke, Frances, Lady Cobham née Newton (1539-1592) Elisabeth's sister-in-law, wife of William Brooke, Lord Cobham and mother of six children including Elizabeth, the future wife of Robert Cecil, earl of Salisbury, Maximillian and Henry Brooke, Lord Cobham. She served in Elizabeth's privy chamber and was a close friend and confidante of the Queen and Elizabeth Cavendish, later Elizabeth Talbot, countess of Shrewsbury, and was implicated in the Ridolfi plot as a confidante of Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots.

**Brooke, George, Lord Cobham** (c. 1497-1558) eldest surviving son of Thomas Brooke and Dorothy Heydon and father of Elisabeth Cobham (later Parr). He was one of the leaders of Kent society, a JP, Lord Deputy of Calais, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports and knight of the garter, amongst other titles. Imprisoned in the Tower for his role in the Wyatt rebellion.

**Brooke, William, Lord Cobham** (1527-1597) eldest son of George Brooke, MP for Hythe and later Rochester, member of the French embassy with William Parr and Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. Married to Frances Newton.

The Carey family, descended from Mary Boleyn and her marriage to Sir William Carey.

Castiglione, Baldassare author of Il Libro del Cortegiano, first printed in Italy in 1528.

**Cavendish, Catherine** daughter of Sir William Cavendish by his first wife, married Thomas Cobham c. 1551, sister-in-law to Elisabeth.

Cavendish, Elizabeth (1527-1608) also known as Lady St Loe and Bess of Hardwick and Elizabeth Talbot, countess of Shrewsbury. Married four times and gave birth to eight children. The dukes of Newcastle and Devonshire are descended from her sons. Member of Queen Elizabeth's privy chamber until she was dismissed over the wedding of Catherine Grey and Edward Seymour. Grandmother of Arbella Stuart.

**Cavendish, Elizabeth** (1555-1582) goddaughter of Elisabeth and William Parr and Catherine Grey. She married Charles Stuart, earl of Lennox and was the mother of Arbella Stuart.

**Cavendish, William** (1508-1557) administrator and financial expert. Elizabeth was his third wife. He began the building of Chatsworth House. He was appointed treasurer of the chamber but died in debt, accused of embezzlement. After his death his widow married William St Loe, captain of the Queen's guard, and they petitioned the Queen over the debts in a famous case of law.

Cavendish, William (1551-1626) godson of Elisabeth Parr, later first earl of Devonshire.

**Cecil, Anne** (1556-1588) daughter of William and Mildred Cecil, sister of Robert Cecil, later earl of Salisbury so sister-in-law of Elizabeth Brooke. Later married acrimoniously to Edward de Vere, earl of Oxford.

**Cecil, Mildred** *née Cooke* (c. 1525-1589) daughter of Sir Anthony Cooke, tutor to Edward VI and second wife to William Cecil. She had five children although only one, Robert, outlived her. She was very well educated and known to be influential.

**Cecil, William,** (1520-1598) was educated at Cambridge and became a privy councilor and secretary of state to Queen Elizabeth. He became Baron Burghley and lord treasurer, initiating many matters of policy.

**Chaloner, Thomas** (1521-1565) served in the household of Thomas Wyatt. He was educated at Cambridge, became clerk of the privy council and later Elizabeth's ambassador to Germany, Flanders and Spain. He also served as a JP and MP. He is remembered for his Latin poetry.

**Chamberlain, John** (1553-1628) is known as a letter writer - thanks to an inheritance from his father and legacies from his brothers he never had to earn a living. He spent a lot of time in St Paul's Cathedral - the best place to hear the news - and was appointed to a commission concerned with the repair of the Cathedral. 452 of his letters written to friend Dudley Carleton survive, along with 27 others, giving information about Elizabethan and Jacobean life.

**Chamberlain, Thomas** (c. 1504-1580) was a diplomat, serving as ambassador to the regent of the Netherlands and various other posts. Elisabeth Parr was godmother to one of his sons.

Clinton, Elizabeth *née Fitzgerald* (formerly Browne) later countess of Lincoln (1528-1589) - friend and confidante of Elisabeth and Elizabeth Tudor c.1548-1565. Correspondent of Nicholas Throckmorton and Thomas Chamberlain. Surrey's 'Fair Geraldine', later a member of Queen Elizabeth's household. Close friend/associate of Elisabeth Parr.

**Cobham, Catherine** sister of Elisabeth Parr. Married to John Jerningham, kinsman to Henry Jerningham, master of the horse for Queen Mary.

Cobham, Elisabeth see Parr, Elisabeth.

**Cobham, George** (1532-c. 1570) third son of George Brooke, Lord Cobham and Anne Bray. He was a rebel and spy. He served as Latin undersecretary to Mary Tudor's privy council and acted as a French intelligencer. Possibly the best educated of the Cobham brothers, he spent time in Germany, Italy and France and served as a gentleman of the privy chamber under Elizabeth. He married and had issue.

**Cobham, Henry** (1537-1592) preferred to be known as Cobham rather than Brooke. He served as a diplomat in France and Spain becoming resident ambassador in France. He was a JP, MP and deputy lieutenant for Kent but died heavily in debt. His son succeeded to the Baronetcy in default of the line of William Brooke, Lord Cobham. His daughter, Phillippa was the victim of a horrible crime - the murder of her two sons and her attempted murder by her husband. The tragedy was the subject matter of the play, *A Yorkshire Tragedy*, (1608) attributed to Thomas Middleton.

**Cobham, Thomas** (1533-1578) criminal and rebel. Married to Catherine Cavendish, Cobham was imprisoned in the Tower of London four times, twice sentenced to death for treason. He committed a murder in Blackfriars in 1557 and was charged with capturing the

Spanish ship, the St. Katherine, in 1564. He was reputed to have sewn 18 Spanish sailors into a sail and thrown them over board.

The **Cooke sisters** were the highly educated daughters of Sir Anthony Cooke and Anne Fitzwilliam.

Courtenay, Edward, earl of Devon (1526-1556) great grandson of Edward VI, he spent his early years in the household of Mary Tudor, dowager Queen of France. His father was suspected of plotting to marry his son to Princess Mary. In 1538 Edward was imprisoned in the Tower with his parents. His father was executed and Edward remained in the Tower for nearly 15 years, regarded as a serious dynastic threat. Edward was released by Mary when she came to the throne and his fortunes restored - many saw him as the obvious candidate as a husband for Mary. He was imprisoned again in 1554 but then sent overseas. His death was suspected of being caused by poison.

Cranmer, Thomas, Archbishop of Canterbury (1489-1556) graduated BA and MA from Cambridge and had to resign his fellowship of Jesus in order to marry for the second time. His wife and child died in childbirth - had they not, he would not have been able to be ordained. He is perhaps best known for negotiating 'the King's great matter' - the annulment of Henry VIII's marriage so that he could marry Anne Boleyn. He wrote and compiled the Book of Common Prayer. Elisabeth's uncle, Thomas Brooke was a page in the Archbishop's household and married his niece, Susan. They had a son named Cranmer Brooke.

**Dee, John** (1527-1608/9) was a mathematician, theologian and astronomer, as well as tutor and adviser to Queen Elizabeth. He was an associate of Elisabeth Parr and Robert Dudley. After Elisabeth's death he continued to associate with her family through Frances Brooke, Lady Cobham, who was godmother to one of his children.

**Denny, Anthony** (1501-1549) was a confidant of Henry VIII and the most prominent member of the privy chamber in Henry's last years.

**Denny, Joan née Champernowne** (d. 1553) was sister to Katherine Ashley and close friend of Katherine Parr. Married Anthony Denny.

**Dudley, Guildford** (ex. 1554) consort of Queen Jane. Fourth son of the duke and duchess of Northumberland.

**Dudley, Jane** *née Guildford*, countess of Warwick and duchess of Northumberland (1508/9-1555) served as lady-in-waiting at the court of Henry VIII's court and was a close friend of Katherine Parr. She was the mother-in-law of Lady Jane Grey.

**Dudley, John, earl of Warwick and duke of Northumberland** (1504-ex. 1553) was at one time the most powerful man in England, leading the government of Edward VI. He was behind the plot to put Lady Jane Grey on the throne.

Dudley, Mary see Sidney, Mary

**Dudley, Robert, earl of Leicester** (1532/3-1588) was close friend and confidant of Queen Elizabeth I and long time suitor for her hand in marriage.

**Edward VI, King of England** (1537-1553, acc. 1547).

Elderton, William (pre./c.1530-1592) prolific English ballad writer.

Elizabeth I, Queen of England (1533-1603, acc. 1558).

Erik XIV, King of Sweden (1533-1577).

Ferdinand I, Holy Roman Emperor (1503-1564).

**Grey, Catherine** (1540-1568) younger sister to Lady Jane and a potential claimant to the throne. Married to Henry Herbert in 1553, but that marriage was annulled. She angered the Queen by her secret marriage to Edward Seymour and was imprisoned in the Tower, where she bore two sons, until her death.

**Grey, Frances** *née Brandon*, marchioness of Dorset and duchess of Suffolk (1517-1559) was the daughter of Henry VIII's sister Mary and Charles Brandon. She renounced her claim to the throne in favour of her daughter, Jane.

Grey, Henry, marquess of Dorset and duke of Suffolk (1517-1554) was a prominent nobleman who conspired to have his daughter Jane marry Edward VI. He was executed for treason for his part in Sir Thomas Wyatt's plot to overthrow Mary I and replace her with his daughter, Jane.

Grey, Jane, Queen of England (1537-ex. 1554) - eldest daughter and heiress of the Greys, duke and duchess of Suffolk, wife of Guildford Dudley so sister-in-law of Mary Sidney and Robert Dudley and daughter-in-law of the duke and duchess of Northumberland. Nominated by Edward VI as heiress of England through his *Device for the Succession*, acceded to the throne and reigned for nine days in July 1553. Executed by Mary I following the Wyatt Rebellion in February 1554.

**Gyllenstierna, Nils** (1526-1601) chancellor of Sweden and resident Swedish ambassador to the English court, c. 1561-1562.

Haddon, Walter (1515-1572) English civil lawyer, humanist and reformer.

Henry VIII, King of England, Wales and Ireland (1491-1547).

Herbert, Anne *née Parr*, countess of Pembroke (1515-1552) was the younger sister of Katherine Parr and lady-in-waiting to each of Henry VIII's wives. Sister of William Parr, so sister-in-law of Elisabeth. Married to William Herbert, later earl of Pembroke and ancestress of the present earls of Pembroke.

Herbert, Henry, earl of Pembroke (1539-1601) eldest son and heir of Anne Parr and William Herbert, nephew of Elisabeth Parr. Married to Catherine Grey in the Whitsun Weddings of 1553 although this was later annulled.

Herbert, William, Earl of Pembroke (1501-1570) married to Anne Parr, so brother-inlaw of William and Elisabeth Parr, and Katherine Parr and Thomas Seymour. Godfather to William Cavendish in 1551.

Hoby, Philip (1505-1558) English ambassador to the Holy Roman Empire and Flanders.

Hoby, Thomas (1530-1566) courtier and diplomat. Translator of *The Book of the Courtyer*. Married Elizabeth née Cooke, sister of Mildred and Anne. Died on embassy in Paris in 1566 while Elizabeth was pregnant with a son, named Thomas Posthumous Hoby.

The **Howard family** is a British noble family which has played a prominent role in much of British history. The line includes the dukedom of Norfolk as well as the earldoms of Norfolk, Arundel and Surrey. Catherine Howard became Henry VIII's fifth wife and her uncle Thomas Howard was prominent in Henrician politics. Anne Boleyn was also a Howard, and through her mother the Howards were kin to the Cobhams.

Jane, Queen of England, see Grey, Jane.

**John III, Duke of Finland**, later King of Sweden (1556-1563) godfather to John Chamberlain in 1559 when Elisabeth Parr was godmother.

**Knollys, Catherine** *née Carey* (1524-1569) first cousin of Queen Elizabeth through Mary Boleyn and kin to Elisabeth Parr. Beneficiary of Parr's bequests c. 1565.

**Knollys, Elizabeth** (1549-1605) daughter of Catherine and Francis Knollys, maid of honour to Queen Elizabeth and beneficiary of Elisabeth Parr's bequests, c. 1565.

**Knollys, Francis** (1514-1596) Elizabethan privy councilor, married to Catherine née Carey.

Margaret, duchess of Parma (1522-1587) governor of the Netherlands.

Mary, Queen of England (1516-1558).

Newton, Frances see Brooke, Frances, Lady Cobham.

**Newton, Jane,** sister of Frances, Lady Cobham, sister-in-law and long serving attendant of Elisabeth Parr.

Northampton, marquess and marchioness of, see Parr, Elisabeth and Parr, William.

Parr, Anne see Herbert, Anne.

Parr, Elisabeth née Cobham, countess of Essex and marchioness of Northampton (1526-1565).

Parr, Katherine, Queen consort of Henry VIII (1512-1548) wife of Thomas Seymour and mother of Lady Mary Seymour. Sister of Anne Parr, countess of Pembroke and William Parr, earl of Essex and marquess of Northampton. Sister-in-law of William Herbert, earl of Pembroke, Anne and Edward Seymour, duke and duchess of Somerset and Elisabeth Parr, marchioness of Northampton. Stepmother of Mary, Edward and Elizabeth Tudor.

**Parr, William, earl of Essex and marquess of Northampton** (1513-1571) Privy councillor to Henry VIII, Edward VI and Elizabeth I. Husband of Elisabeth.

Pembroke, Earl and Countess, see Herbert, Anne and Herbert, William.

Philip II, King of Spain and consort of England (1527-1598).

**Seres, William** (d. 1579?) an English printer specialising in religious works. Established in partnership with John Day and served in the household of William Cecil in the 1550s/1560s.

Seymour, Anne *née Stanhope*, countess of Hertford and duchess of Somerset (c. 1510-1587) first lady of England, c.1547-1550. Mother-in-law of Catherine Grey through her marriage to Anne's son, Edward Seymour, earl of Hertford. Sister-in-law and rival of Katherine Parr, dowager Queen of England.

**Seymour, Edward, earl of Hertford and duke of Somerset** (c. 1500-ex. 1552) brother-in-law of Henry VIII through his marriage to Jane Seymour, Lord Protector of England 1547-1549. Executed for treason.

**Seymour, Mary** (1548-c. 1550?) daughter of Katherine Parr and Thomas Seymour, so niece of the Northamptons, the Pembrokes and the Somersets. Ward of Katherine Brandon, duchess of Suffolk, and cousin of Edward VI.

**Seymour, Thomas, Baron Seymour of Sudeley** (1509-1549) brother to Jane Seymour and husband of Katherine Parr. He was executed for treason leaving a daughter, Mary.

**Sidney, Mary née Dudley** (1561-1621) eldest daughter of the duke and duchess of Northumberland, sister of Queen Elizabeth's favourite, Robert Dudley and one of Elizabeth's female agents in her early marriage negotiations. Married to Sir Henry Sidney, mother of the poets Mary Herbert née Sidney, countess of Pembroke and Sir Philip Sidney. One of the first English women to have a reputation for her literary works and patronage.

Sudeley, Baron Seymour of, see Seymour, Thomas.

Suffolk, duchess of, see Brandon, Katherine.

Suffolk, duke of, see Brandon, Charles.

**Throckmorton, Anne** *née Carew* (1520-1587) wife of Sir Nicholas Throckmorton so cousin by marriage of the Parrs. Friend and confidante and beneficiary of Elisabeth Parr. Contact of Mary, Queen of Scots (when also Queen of France).

**Throckmorton, Nicholas** (1515-1571) privy councilor and resident Elizabethan ambassador in Paris, c. 1559-1565. Cousin and correspondent of William and Katherine Parr. His daughter, Elizabeth (Bess) became a favourite of Queen Elizabeth and married Walter Raleigh.

Udall, Nicholas (1504-1556) English playwright and cleric.

Willoughby, Katherine see Brandon, Katherine.

**Wyatt, Thomas** (1503-1542) courtier, poet and diplomat. Rumoured lover of Anne Boleyn, Queen consort of Henry VIII. Uncle of Elisabeth Parr through his marriage to Elizabeth née Brooke, sister of George Brooke, Lord Cobham.

**Wyatt, Thomas** (the younger) (1521-ex. 1554) son of the poet Sir Thomas Wyatt and Elizabeth Brooke, cousin of Elisabeth Parr and the Cobham sons.

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