

ually to support the
by (b). The Value of
complished Favourite,
with some Exaggeration)
hundred thousand Pounds.
ordinary a Liberality
frequently observed,
Queen pays bountifully,

ary Revenue of *Eliza-*
ty. We should wan-
ixing it so high as five
r. It hath been ob-
e Kingdom, exclusive
y of *Lancaster*, which
and twenty thousand
eighty-eight thousand,
ven Pounds; in which
appear to have been

the Year, one Thou-
y, from fourteen thou-
Year, in Pursuance of
compelled Sir *Thomas*
uniary Acquisition, dur-
allowed to farm Them.
evenue, opposed, with-
er, the Lord *Burligh*,
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ne justly observes that this
icult, or impossible to be
stoms at the Commence-
They appear in the Jour-

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and Sir *Francis Walsingham*, was suggested by one *Car-*
marthen to the Queen, who immediately resolved to in-
troduce it.

It is remarked, by a discerning Investigator (f), that
the great Undertakings accomplished by *Elizabeth*, with
so scanty a Revenue, and such small Supplies from her
People, prove the powerful Effects of her Wisdom, and
Oeconomy. During the whole Course of her Reign,
She had received from her Parliament, only twenty Sub-
sidies, and thirty-nine Fifteenths. He pretends not to
determine exactly the Amount of these Supplies; be-
cause the Value of a Subsidy was continually falling;
and, towards the Conclusion of her Reign, amounted
only to eighty thousand Pounds (g), although, at the
Commencement it had risen to an hundred, and twenty
thousand Pounds. He adds, that We may perhaps ap-
proach nearer to the Truth, by supposing the Sum of
three Millions to be the Total of the Supplies granted,
during a Reign of forty-five Years by the Parliament
to *Elizabeth*. This is at the Rate of sixty-six thousand,
six hundred, and sixty-six Pounds a Year (h).

He concludes by expressing his Astonishment that
Elizabeth should ever have found it difficult to obtain a
parliamentary Supply, or have been driven to the Ne-
cessity of parting with the Crown Lands, since her De-
mands were so reasonable, and her Expences so mode-
rate, and judiciously directed. But, during that Æra,
the Parsimony of the Commons was carried to Extremes,
which

(f) Mr. Hume.

(g) D' Ewes, 630.

(h) The Supplies were reckoned by Lord Salisbury, at two
Millions, and eight hundred thousand Pounds. Journals of
the House of Commons, February 17, 1609.—King James
mistook when He imagined that the Queen's Supplies a-
mounted to one hundred and thirty-five thousand Pounds, a
Year. Franklyn's Annals, p. 49.