

forced loan without the grant of Parliament. The manner in which this unconstitutional measure was treated by those called upon to contribute towards the assessment, is well illustrated by the events which took place in Lincolnshire; and a relation of the part taken by the leading men of that locality, some of whom were related to, or intimately associated with, the principal agents in the subsequent emigration to Massachusetts, under JOHN WINTHROP, in 1630, will be of some interest to the descendants of the New England emigrants.

One of the richest men in the county of Lincoln, who strenuously opposed the forced loan, was ISAAC JOHNSON, who, as is well known, married the Lady ARABELLA FYNES, sister to THEOPHILUS, Earl of LINCOLN, who himself married a sister of the Lord SAY and SELE. These two noblemen took a very active part in denouncing the loan as dangerous and unconstitutional. Lord SAY and SELE, who, during the civil war, some years later, commanded a Parliamentary regiment, openly asserted that he would rather lose half his estate than risk the impoverishment of his posterity by the establishment of so dangerous a precedent as a loan without the sanction of Parliament. But Lord LINCOLN's opposition to the loan was more immediately productive of dissatisfaction. As soon as it was proposed he took upon himself to have an Abridgment of the Statutes prepared for distribution; and it is not unlikely that in the compilation of this document he was aided by his former steward, THOMAS DUDLEY, who subsequently went over to New England, and became Governor of Massachusetts. DUDLEY had received a legal education, under his relative, Sir AUGUSTINE NICHOL, one of the Justices of the Common Pleas, and was therefore peculiarly fitted for the work. The immediate result of this act on the part of Lord LINCOLN, was to bring down upon himself and his servants the resentment of the King and his party, and the Abridgment was rigorously suppressed. Not only was his lordship proceeded against in the Star Chamber, but more completely to crush out the attempts made to incense the people, a proclamation was issued for the apprehension of JOHN HOLLAND, Steward to the Earl, and ROBERT BLOW, the Clerk of his kitchen; and further, a Groom in the household of his lordship was condemned in the Star