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Articles whereof Oxford would have accused Leicester

First, that Ned York had told him in what sort Killingworth was fortified, with brass pieces, munition, powder, etc., proportionably as strong as the Tower, against a day, under colour of making the Queen sport with fireworks, shooting, etc.

2. That foisty meal and meat, with oil, cheese and butter, etc., were often cast out of the castle, which were orderly provided against a day for his own assurance, as the said Ned York, upon Sir Thomas Leighton's words, assured him.

3. That Robin Christmas gave him a note of gifts to the value of a treble subsidy, beside £17000 of yearly receipt by land and office, etc.

4. That Leicester should tell him, when he had his suit in hand, that the Queen was of the hardest disposition, and did good to nobody but at their importune suit, and that no man in England had gotten anything but by his labour.

5. That he boasted of his greatness in alliance, wealth, credit with the Queen, etc., affirming further that he was able to make the proudest subject to sweat that would oppose himself against him, and that he made the Duke of Norfolk to stoop, notwithstanding all his bragging.

6. That Julio should complain to the said Oxford of Leicester's coldness in friendship towards him, though he saved both his life and his honour when, with weeping tears, he made his moan unto him at my Lord of Essex's coming over.

7. That he told the said Oxford at Reading, four days before the Queen knew of my Lord of Essex's death, that he could not live past such a certain time prefixed.

8. That in respect of future times he had made a pack safe enough for himself, and would turn up their heels that made account to deal with him, with much more which I have forgotten.