

Wyk dic quo fuerat, vel dic ubi Wymbyriensis ;
 Cum mors affuerat, neutrius cernitur ensis.
 Ulcio digna dei per tempora longa pepercit ;
 Demum culpa rei vili te funere mersit.
 Seu sis australis, seu tu sis vir borealis,
 Talibus est talis congrua pena malis.

There are indications that 1331 was a year of disturbance at Oxford. On 24 October the king issued letters patent¹ to the mayor and bailiffs that if the chancellor should demand their aid for the arrest of malefactors they were to summon the *posse* of the town ; and on 25 October he gave letters patent that the sheriff should imprison in the castle those whom the chancellor sends to him, and should not allow their friends to visit them in a multitude.² In the spring of 1333 there must have been a more serious disturbance than usual, for on 6 May the king appointed a commission to make an inquiry about disturbances at Oxford.³

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*The Capture of Lord Rivers and Sir Anthony
 Woodville, 19 January 1460*

WHEN Richard, duke of York, and his friends and adherents were scattered by their failure at Ludlow in October 1459, York himself sought refuge in Ireland, but his eldest son, the earl of March, who in less than eighteen months was to be king of England, fled with the earl of Warwick, John Dynham, and others to Devonshire and thence to Calais. As the catastrophe at Ludlow had been due in large measure to the desertion of Andrew Trollope and other members of the Calais garrison who had come over to England with Warwick a short time before, and as Margaret of Anjou had just succeeded in having her favourite, the duke of Somerset, appointed to the captaincy of Calais in Warwick's place,⁴ the welcome which awaited the fugitives at Calais was somewhat doubtful. Fortunately, however, Warwick had left his uncle, Lord Fauconberg, in charge of Calais when he went to England, and Fauconberg was so successful in keeping the place loyal to the Yorkists that when Warwick and March reached there on 2 November they were well received.

After the arrival of York in Ireland and of Warwick and March in Calais, there followed some months of watchful waiting on the part of the Yorkists while they matured their plans for another attempt to assert themselves against Margaret of Anjou

¹ *Univ. Archives* (Oxf. Hist. Soc.), i. 347 ; it is not on the Patent Roll.

² *Ibid.* p. 121.

³ *Cal. of Patent Rolls*, p. 440.

⁴ Rymer, *Foedera*, xi. 436.

inquirendum per sacramentum proborum et legalium hominum de comitatu Kancie de omnimodis prodicionibus, felonis, transgressionibus et aliis articulis in litteris domini Regis patentibus eis ac aliis inde directis specificatis iuxta formam et effectum earundem factis et ad eosdem [sic] audiendas et terminandas assignatis per sacramentum suum. Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Iohannes Dynham de Calesia in partibus Picardie, armiger, alias dictus Iohannes Denham de Calesia in partibus Picardie, armiger, filius et heres Iohannis Dynham, militis, Ricardus Clapham de Calesia in partibus Picardie, gentilman, Thomas Martyn', nuper de Sandewich' in Comitatu Kancie, yoman', Willelmus Hunden', nuper de eadem in eodem Comitatu, taillour, Willelmus Symnet, nuper de eadem in eodem Comitatu, chapman, Simon Shippton, nuper de eadem in eodem Comitatu, marchaunt, Ricardus Merssh, servant, nuper de eadem in eodem Comitatu, yoman', Nicholaus Stokes, nuper de eadem in eodem Comitatu, potecary, Willelmus Elyot de Calesia in partibus Picardie, mercer, Robertus Ioh'nson', nuper de Sandewich in comitatu Kancie, yoman, et Iohannes Creke, nuper de eadem in eodem Comitatu, bocher, ac quamplures alii falsi proditores, rebelles et inimici ignoti Christianissimi Principis Henrici Regis Anglie sexti post conquestum per assensum, preceptum et voluntatem quamplurimorum aliorum falsorum proditorum et inimicorum dicti Regis ignotorum quinto decimo die Ianuarii anno regni dicti Regis tricesimo octavo apud Sandewich' in Comitatu Kancie cum magno numero personarum vi et armis, videlicet, curaces, briganders, lanceis, Iakkas, salettis, deploidibus defensiuis bumblastis ac aliis armis defensiuis et abilimentis guerre ut in terra guerrina, guerram erga dictum Regem supremum dominum suum contra ligeancie sue debitum falso et proditorie adtunc et ibidem levaverunt et fecerunt quodque predicti Iohannes Dynham, Ricardus Clapham, Thomas, Willelmus Hunden, Willelmus Symnet, Simon, Ricardus Merssh', Nicholaus Stokes, Willelmus Elyot, Robertus Ioh'nson' et Iohannes Creke ac alii falsi proditores et inimici dicti Regis ignoti adtunc et ibidem Ricardum Wydevyll', militem, dominum de Ryvers, per dictum dominum Regem illuc missum pro defensione regni predicti ac pro certis aliis de causis necnon arduis et assiduis materiis ipsum Regem et regnum suum Anglie tangentibus, ac Antonium Wydevyll', militem, filium predicti Ricardi Wydevyll', in pace Dei et dicti Regis ibidem existentem, in manibus suis tanquam prisonarios sicut in terra guerrina contra voluntatem ipsorum domini de Ryvers et Antonii secum detulerunt et acceperunt et eosdem dominum de Ryvers et Antonium per ipsos sic captos abinde usque villam Calesie in partibus Picardie cum eisdem proditoribus et inimicis abduxerunt sicque predicti Iohannes Dynham, Ricardus Clapham, Thomas Martyn', Willelmus Hunden', Willelmus Symnet, Simon Shippton', Ricardus Merssh', Nicholaus Stokes, Willelmus Elyot, Robertus Ioh'nson' et Iohannes Creke ac alii falsi proditores et rebelles inimici predicti dictis die et anno apud Sandewich' predictam destructionem predicti Regis et dominorum suorum tam spiritualium quam temporalium infra regnum Anglie existencium per guerram predictam in dies falso et proditorie per eorum inimicam potestatem quantum in ipsis existit voluerunt et desideraverunt in finalem destructionem dicti Regis ac corone et regalie sue necnon contra Regi [sic] ligeanciam suam etc.