

# Sir Thomas Gresham and the Tudor Court

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LONDON, 1593. BY JOHN NORDEN.

Sir Thomas Gresham,  
1519-1579



Henry Howard, Earl of Surrey, 1516/17-1547



# Elizabeth I, 'Procession Picture', c. 1600



# Cardinal Wolsey, 1473-1530





Tapestry of a book burning from a series on the life of St Paul by Pieter Coeke van Aelst



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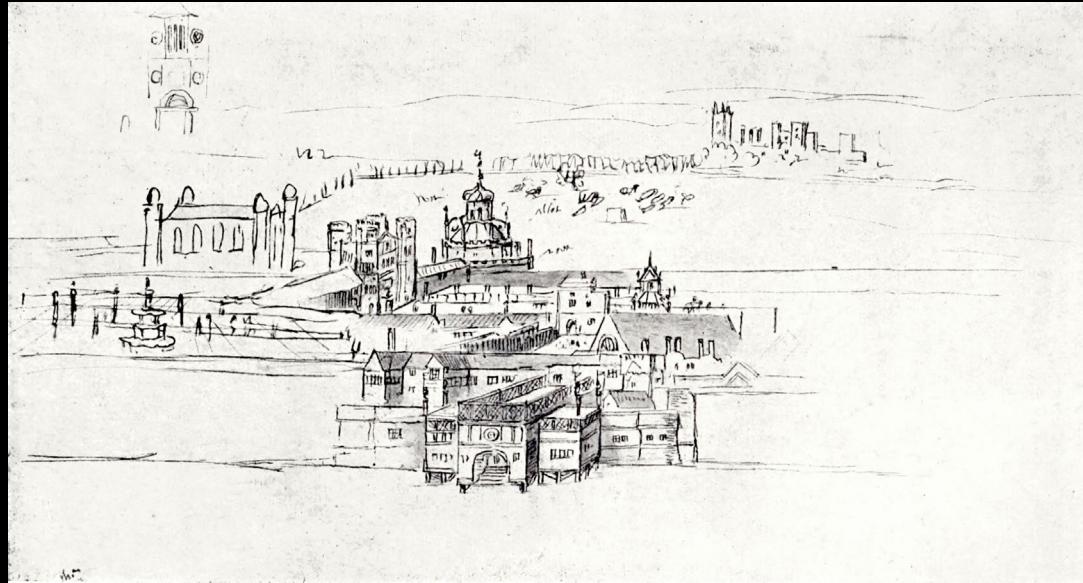
Elizabeth I receiving Dutch emissaries, 1585

# Somerset House Conference, 1604



# Whitehall Palace

Sketch by Anton van den Wyngaerde, 1544



Hendrick Danckerts, c. 1675



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John Dudley, Duke of  
Northumberland, 1504-  
1553



Queen Mary I, 1516-  
1558, reigned 1553-  
1558



Sir William Cecil, Lord Burghley,  
1520-1598

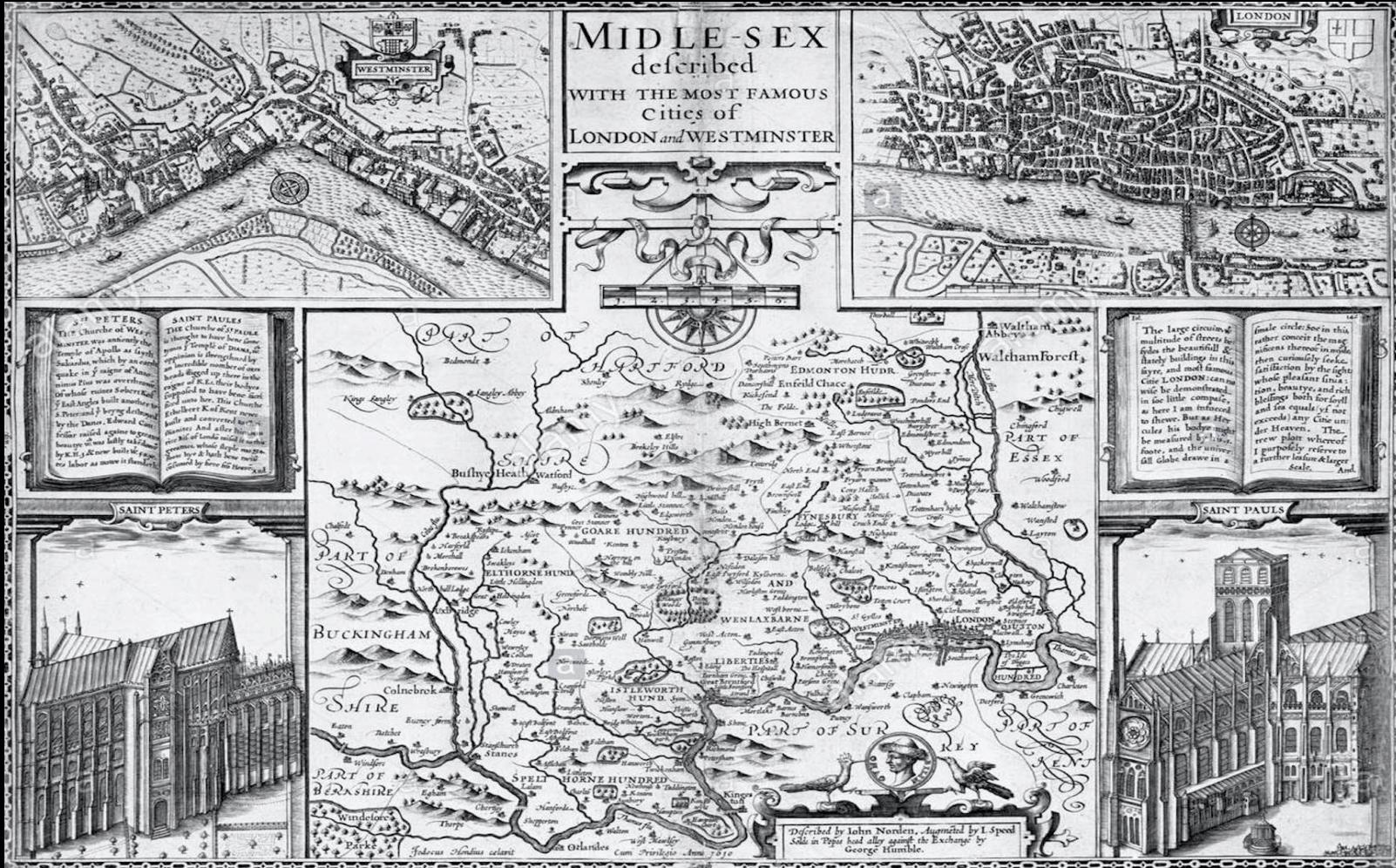


Lord Robert Dudley, Earl of  
Leicester, 1532-1588



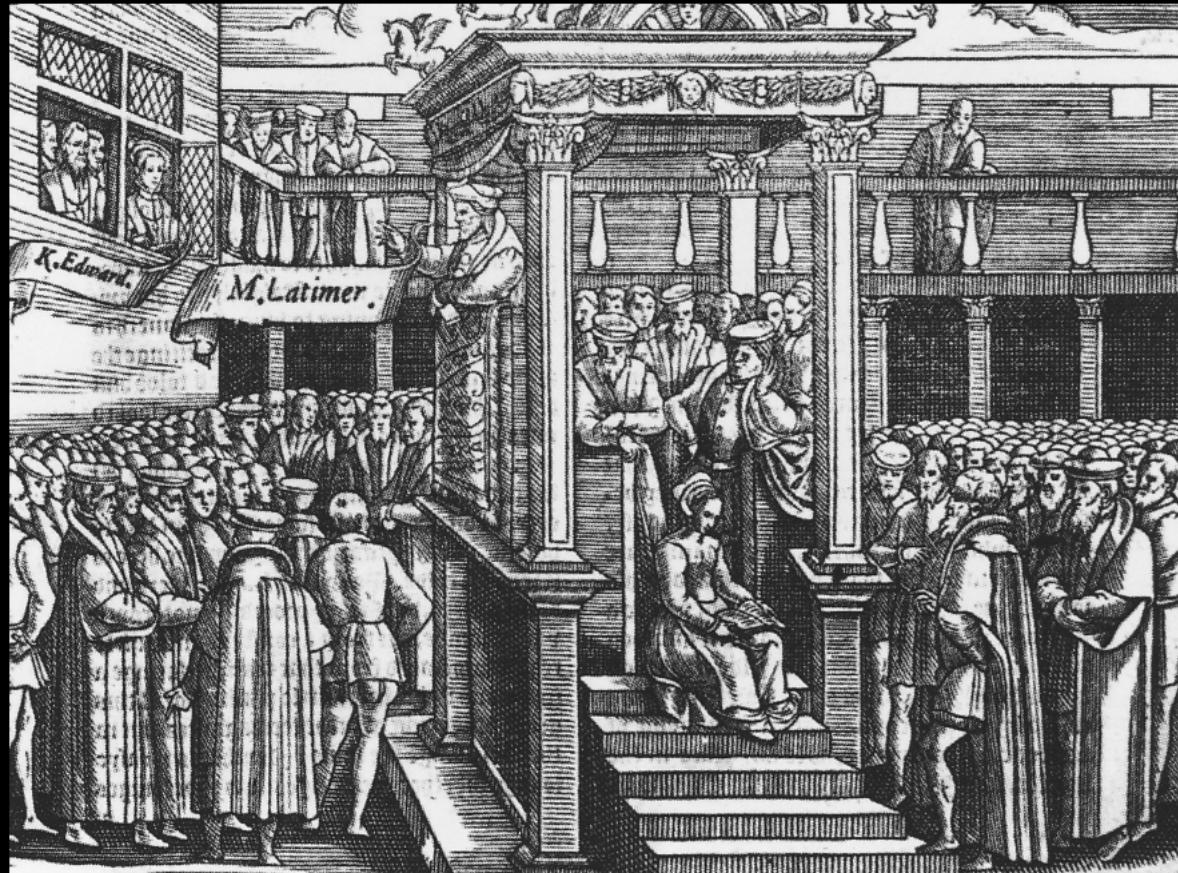


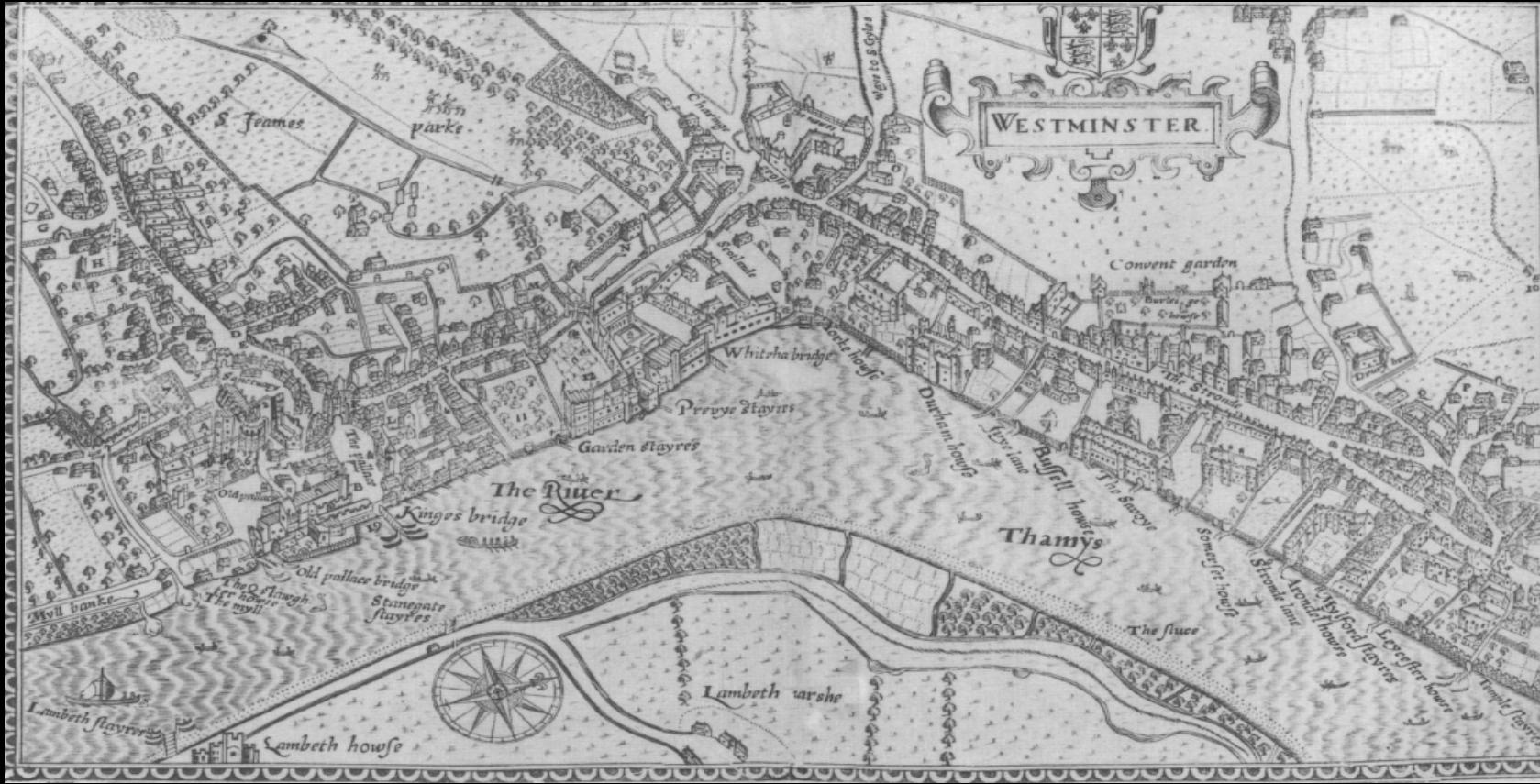
William Hole's map of the River Thames with royal houses and Westminster



John Speed's map of London, Westminster and Middlesex

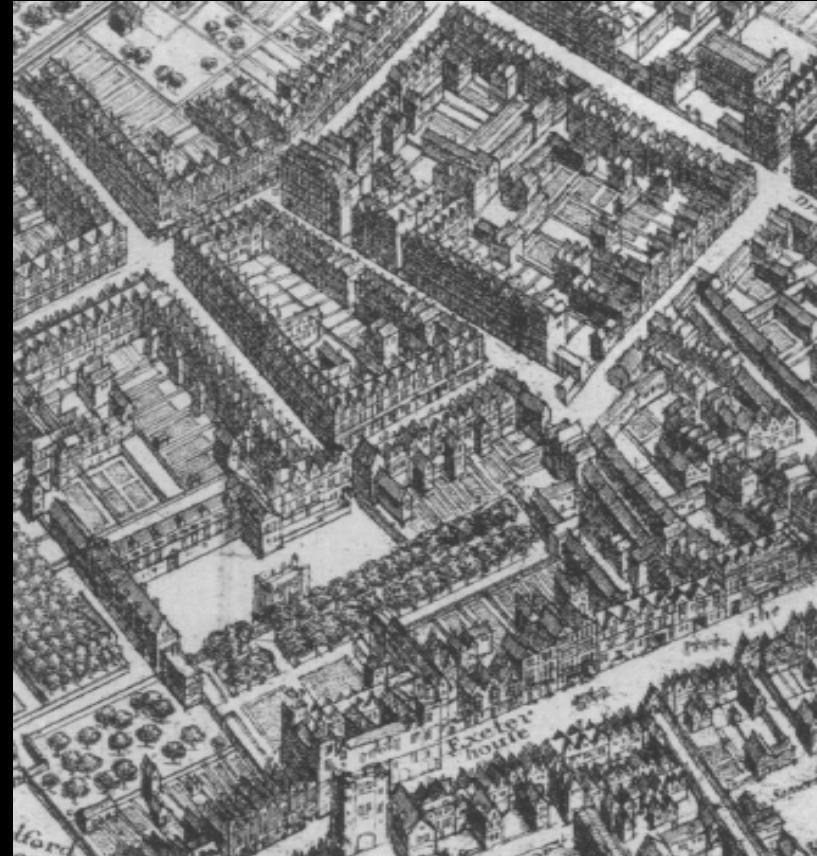
Hugh Latimer preaching to Edward VI at Preaching Place,  
Whitehall, John Foxe, *Acts and Monuments*





John Norden's Map of Westminster

Wenceslaus Hollar's  
view of Covent  
Garden, showing  
Exeter House,  
formerly Burghley  
House



Robert Devereux, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
earl of Essex, 1565-  
1601



# The English Gentleman, Richard Brathwaite (1633)

A Draught of the Frontispice, with all such especiall Properties, Adjuncts and Character  
provisuted, personated and expressid, as may give clearer light to the explanation of it.

Whereto are annex'd certayne exquisite Motto's, Impreses, with other Ornamentes of Art, purposely  
devised and contrived, to adde more beauty and perfection to the Worke.

**YOUTH** O V T H is expressed, featured and portrayed with a fresh, cheerefull and amiable countenance, seated on a moutn, environed with two opposite Rockes: on the right hand stands *Virtue*, with a Palme or Olive branch in her hand, illustrated by this Motto; *Virtute*: On the left hand stands a *Siren*, appearing to the halfe body, with haire dishevelled; who with an attractive aspect reflects on *Youth*, fixing his eyes on either obiect; her Motto; *Vox leta, sed anxia letis*.

**DISPOSITION** is displayed by a youthfull wanton, and amorous presence; about the feature grow fruits and delicacies of all sorts, as if he were seated in *Pandora's Pavillion*, and reaching to pull an Apple, he chuseth this Motto; *Nitissimur  
in venitum*.

**EDUCATION** presented with an ingenuous countenance, is inclosed with the seven Liberall Sciences; so many Persons being shadowed, on whose Frontispice each distinct Science is inscribed; neare to the feature are figured *Breifs and Rods*; from which adjunct he derives this Motto; *Ubera & Verbera*.

**VOCATION** is described in a grave, civil and demure habit, a countenance constant and settled: adjoyning to which Picture appears a ship with sayles displayed, while *Vocation* fixeth his eye on a Globe, or Marine Map: under the feature are mattocks, sledges, shovels, and other utensiles; from whence he attracts this Motto; *Pascimur & patimur*.

**RECREATION** is delineated by a fresh, flourishing, and agile Phyfomy; about which portraiture are Hawkes sitting on peaches, with Spaniels lying under them; Horses likewise and Hounds ready for the Chafe; remote from these are Deere, Hares, and Conies grazing: upon the other Border or Venet of the Picture, is presented a Summer Atbour, and in it Tables, Cards, and Chesle-boord; where *Recreation* is expressed playing upon a Violl, with a Song-booke before him: Suing his humour with this Motto; *Non arcum semper tendit Apollo*.

**ACCUSSTANCE** is in two bodies individually incorporated, an no lesse seelye than sociably united: two Twins cannot be more naturally neere, than these be affectionately deare; which they expresse in hugging one another, and shewing the conserning Corolot of their minde, by the mutual interchoice of their Motto; *Certus amor morum est*.

**MODERATION** is moulded after such a maner, as if a feature may expresse a temper, nothing may be devised more absolute, to convey affection by the eye, or election to the heart, than the representement of this Picture, reposing in a private arbour, as one secured from danger; having no other attendants to share with him in his peacefull repose, than the *Halycon* lying and flickering above him, and the *Tortoise* crawling and creeping below him; the *Halycon* implying calmenesse; the *Tortoise* importinge firmenesse: having the Sea under him, shelves about him, but tranquility within him, and the approvement of hits Motto to secure him; *Moderata durant*.

**PERFECTION** is only shadowed, because in his native lineature hardly to bee expressed; having resemblance to the non-reflecting *Eagle*, whose Embleme he retaines; branching his *Aery* in the highest Spire, and scorning to stoope to any object in this inferiour Spheare: Deblazoned by an head breaking through a cloud, cloathed or impaled with Sun-beames, expresse his glory; and ushered by this Motto in his convoy to his Country; *Hac eccliam petitur via*.

In the middle betwixt the Venets, is the Portraiture of a comely Personage drawne to the whole Body, representing an *English Gentleman*, with a Rod in his hand, to expresse his curiall office; with this Motto, to agnize his affiance and frivise; *est in calis, pes interris*.

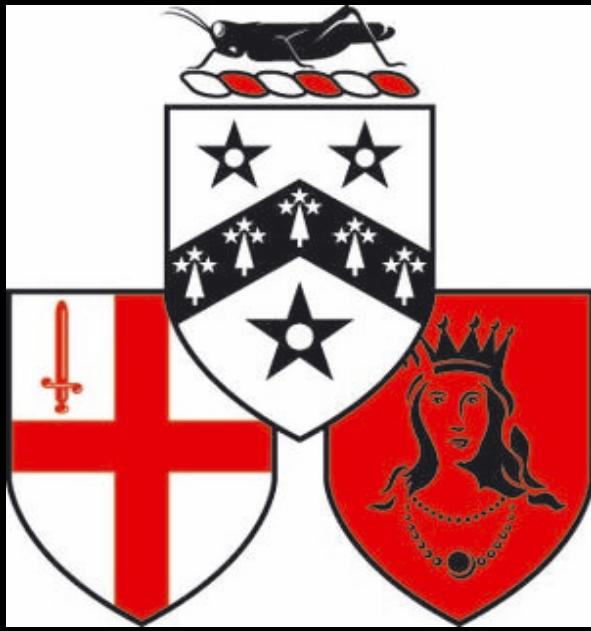
For other *Attributes*, *Properties*, or *Adjuncts*, from shadowes they receive their lustre, which give best life and light to Picture.



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# Fountains Abbey, North Yorkshire



# Sir Walter Mildmay, c. 1523-1589

