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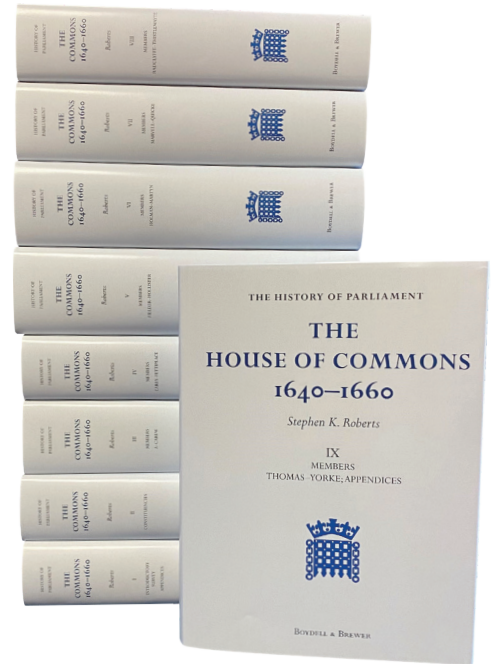


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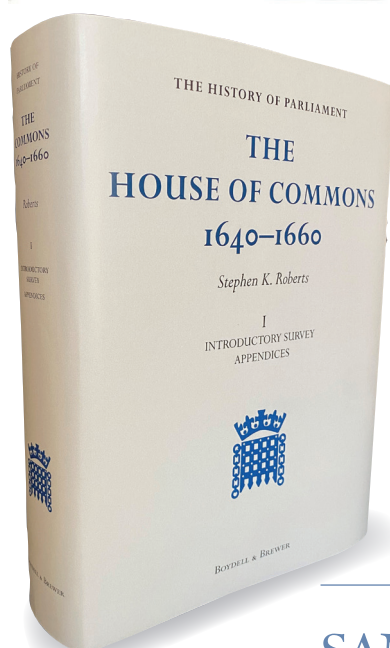
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CROMWELL, Oliver (1599-1658), of Ely, Cambs., Drury Lane, King St. and the Cockpit, Whitehall, Westminster.

HUNTINGDON 1628
CAMBRIDGE 1640 (Apr.), 1640 (Nov.)
Co-opted 1653

b. 25 Apr. 1599, 2nd but o. surv. s. of Robert Cromwell¹ of Huntingdon and Elizabeth (d. 18 Nov. 1654), da. of William Steward of Ely, Cambs. wid. of William Lynn of Bassingbourne.¹ educ. Huntingdon (Mr Long); Huntingdon free sch. (Dr Thomas Beard); Sidney Sussex, Camb. 1616-17;² ?L Inn c. 1618;³ DCL, Oxf. 1649.⁴ m. 22 Aug. 1620, Elizabeth (d. c.1665), da. of Sir James Bouchier, Leatherseller of London and Little Stamburgh Hall, nr. Rochford, Essex, gs. (3 d.v.p.) inc. Richard* and Henry*, 4da. (1 d.v.p.).⁵ suc. fa. 1617; uncle Richard Cromwell¹ 1628; uncle Sir Thomas Steward 1636.⁶ d. 3 Sept. 1658.⁷

Civic: common cllr. Huntingdon ? by 1621-30; ?bailiff, 1626-7.⁸ Freeman, Cambridge 7 Jan. 1640; high steward, 1652-7d. High steward, Gloucester 30 Sept. 1651-7d. 1653.⁹

Local: j.p. Huntingdon 1624-30;¹⁰ I. of Ely ? 1636, 20 July 1638-53;¹¹ Hants 17 Mar. 1646-53;¹² Mon. by 3 July 1649-1970; England and Wales by Nov. 1650-53.¹³ Feoffee, Parsons' charity, Ely 30 Aug. 1636.¹⁴ Commr. gaol delivery, I. of Ely 14 Sept. 1638, 12 Aug. 1645;¹⁵ swans, 25 July 1639;¹⁶ sewers, Deeping and Gt. Level 1 June, 9 Dec. 1641, 31 Jan. 1646;¹⁷ I. of Ely, 13 Sept. 1644;¹⁸ Cambs. 24 July 1645;¹⁹ Lincs., Lincoln

Level of the Fens, 29 May 1649.²⁴ Ld. protector, England, Scotland and Ireland 16 Dec. 1653-d.²⁵

Military: capt. of horse (parlian.) by 18 Aug. 1642-d.;²⁶ col. by 6 Feb. 1643.²⁷ Col. of horse and jt. dep. c.-in-c. Eastern Assoc. 25 July 1643-Apr. 1645.²⁸ Gov. I. of Ely c. 28 July 1643-5.²⁹ Lt. gen. Eastern Assoc. 22 Jan. 1644-Apr. 1645;³⁰ New Model army, 10 June 1645-23 July 1646, recommissioned by Dec. 1646-Mar. 1649.⁴¹ C.-in-c., col. of horse and ft. Ireland 30 Mar. 1649-d.⁴² Capt.-gen. and c.-in-c. England and Wales, 26 June 1650-d.; Scotland and Ireland, 16 Dec. 1653-d.⁴³ Col. of horse and ft. 26 June 1650-d.⁴⁴

Irish: Ld. lt. and gov.-gen. Ireland, 22 June 1649-?Aug. 1652.⁴⁵ Commr. for Ireland, 25 Dec. 1650, 25 Aug. 1652.⁴⁶

Academic: chan. Oxf. Univ. Jan. 1651-d.⁴⁷

Estate: Invested £300 and a further £300, Apr. 1642, in the Irish Adventure, receiving an award of 1,257 acres in King's County, Leinster.⁴⁸ Lands worth £2,500 in fee simple to be bestowed on him by Parliament, 1 Dec. 1645;⁴⁹ all lands of marquess of Worcester (Henry Somerset) and sons in Hants to be settled as part of this award, 23 Jan. 1646;⁵⁰ to have manors of Abberston and Itchell, Hants, formerly of 5th marquess of Winchester (John Paulet), 31 Jan. 1646, order rescinded when discovered that Winchester was a life tenant only, 19 Jan. 1647;⁵¹ lands of marquess of Worcester in Glos. and Mon. to be settled, 5 May 1647, to include Glam. 7 Mar. 1648.⁵² He valued the award of lands from Worcester's estate at £1,680 p.a., 21 Mar. 1648; his offer to waive £1,000 p.a. of income plus arrears due for pay, for use in Ire., accepted by HC 24 Mar. 1648;⁵³ bill to settle lands passed 31 May 1650.⁵⁴ Revised, May 1651, to restore lands in Mon., Berks., Herefs. and Westmld. to

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