

Edward Seymour

Duke of Somerset



Relation to Edward?

Somerset was Edward's uncle.

Power-hungry?

Somerset named himself Edward's Protector in order to effectively run England.

Skill with money?

Somerset nearly bankrupted England through fighting expensive wars.

War-like?

Somerset was a good general and encouraged war with Scotland and France.

Kept Edward safe?

Edward was kept healthy, but allowed little direct power.

Killed rivals?

Somerset had his own brother executed for attempting to take his power.

Passed religious laws?

Somerset allowed priests to marry and encouraged people to use prayer books in English instead of Latin.

Persecuted Catholics?

Not directly, although it was known that Somerset discouraged Catholicism.

The Young King



John Dudley

Duke of Northumberland



Relation to Edward?

Not a relation.

Power-hungry?

Northumberland took power from Somerset and became the ruler of England in all but name.

Skill with money?

Northumberland made the Crown a lot of money and saved the economy of England.

War-like?

Northumberland ended wars rather than starting them.

Kept Edward safe?

Edward was safe, but powerless under Northumberland. Some say the illness that killed Edward was a result of poisoning by Northumberland!

Killed rivals?

Northumberland had Somerset executed after taking power from him.

Passed religious laws?

Under Northumberland, laws were passed making English prayer books compulsory and stopping the Catholic practice of Mass.

Persecuted Catholics?

Being a Catholic was discouraged and people openly practicing Catholicism would be penalised.