



SIR THOMAS CROMWELL KNIGHT, etc.

SIR THOMAS CROMWELL KNIGHT ^{etc.} HE LIVED IN K. HENRY THE 8th time. being a Blacksmiths sonne, borne at Puttney; But by the Vertue of his singular excellencie of will, being fit & able to order any weighty affairs, hee attained by degrees to the dignity of Lord Keeper of y^e priuy Seale; Kth of the Garter; then created Earle of Essex, & high Chamberlaine of Englad; at last the kings Vicegerent in all matters Ecclesiasticall; Wherefore in Parliament hee hadt the precedence of Bish: of Canter; by means whereof hee suppress all Monasteries & Friars, & defaced all Shrines and Images & suchlike; Lastly hee was attaint by the Parliament & accused of Treason & Heresie, as supporter of the Lutherians; then was beheadet on the Towerhill, the 28 of July, 1540.

